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MEMORANDUM

Engineering Services

Date: March 4, 2026

To: Mayor Jackola and City Council
From: Ron Whitlatch, City Manager
Subject: Parking Removal Hearing – North Second Street (Tangent to Mullins)

Background

During the January 14, 2026, City Council meeting, two community members, Dala Johnson and Kay Cortz, provided testimony regarding on-street parking along N. Second Street between Tangent Street and Mullins Drive. The request made to the Council was to eliminate parking along various sections of Second Street (as shown on the attached map, identified in red) to improve visibility, enhance emergency access, and address concerns regarding school bus navigation.

In addition, Maggie Estes, Director of Transportation for the Lebanon School District, submitted a letter of support for eliminating parking, citing similar concerns about bus operations and roadway safety.

City staff have visited the area multiple times to evaluate the potential impacts of eliminating on-street parking. Staff reviewed driveway access and availability of off-street parking and found that all residences along the corridor have access to off-street parking. However, it should be noted that eliminating on-street parking may create challenges for visitor parking and deliveries to individual residences.

The current roadway width along this segment of N. Second Street is approximately 32 feet. The City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) identifies that residential streets with parking permitted on both sides should have a minimum width of 36 feet. Streets with parking permitted on one side should have a minimum width of 28 feet.

Staff provided written notices to all property owners along N. Second Street between Tangent Street and Mullins Drive, requesting comments or concerns, and noting that the City Council would make a decision on parking at the March 11th City Council Meeting. No responses were received. Staff also conducted outreach to the Medical Plaza offices and likewise received no comments.

Staff concurs with eliminating parking on the west side of N. Second Street (Tangent to Mullins) to comply with the street width standards identified in the TSP. Elimination of parking on the east side of N. Second Street (Mary to Mullins) is at the City Council's discretion, as the current configuration meets City standards for street width with parking on one side.

Recommendation

Attached are two Resolutions for consideration and adoption. The first Resolution would eliminate parking on the west side of N. Second Street from Tangent Street to Mary Street (parking is currently restricted on the west side of N. Second Street from Mary to Mullins). The second Resolution for consideration includes removing parking on the west side of N. Second Street from Tangent Street to Mullins Drive and would also eliminate parking on the east side of N. Second Street from Mary Street to Mullins Drive.

Staff is available to answer any questions or provide additional information as requested by the Council.