

City of Gainesville

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Review of Controlled Vehicular Parking Program (B)

This is a request for the City Commission to hear a presentation regarding modifications to the City's Controlled Vehicular Parking Program.

The City has had a Controlled Vehicular Parking Program since 1981. The program was initially created to prevent commuter parking in the residential neighborhoods surrounding the University of Florida. Based upon input received from stakeholders during review of off-street parking regulations in the neighborhoods near campus, a staff committee comprised of representatives from Public Works, Planning and Development Services, Code Enforcement, Budget and Finance, and GPD was formed to review the parking program and make recommendations for modifications.

A report was submitted to the City Manager in November 2012 and presented to the City Commission on February 7, 2013. The City Commission referred to the Community Development Committee the following issues: 1) Permit cost adjustment; 2) Permit zone boundaries, including implementation of a new parking zone in the Innovation District; 3) Demand management; and 4) Expanded enforcement, including night and/or weekend. Based upon that motion, staff further explored those issues and made a presentation to the Community Development Committee on March 26, 2013.

The Community Development Committee heard that presentation and has made a recommendation to the City Commission that included: 1) changing the current permit pricing; 2) modifying the existing zone boundaries and creating a new "Innovation" zone; and 3) funding three additional parking enforcement positions. Staff supports parts 1 and 2 of the committee recommendation and recommends that, in lieu of part 3, the City Commission consider a budget increment for FY14 to fund three additional temporary trained workers for a one year period as a pilot program for expanded enforcement.

Funding three additional Parking Operations Attendant II positions on a permanent basis would cost approximately \$37,031 per year per position plus one-time capital cost for an additional hand held electronic citation unit (approximately \$5,000 per position) and transportation (approximately \$23,000 for one additional vehicle).

Funding three temporary positions for a one year pilot program would cost approximately \$80,640 (\$26,880 per position). There would be no capital costs associated with the pilot program.

New sign installation and sign retrofitting in association with the proposed zone boundary expansions and modifications will cost approximately \$4,000.

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager to change parking decal pricing effective July 15, 2013 to \$20 for a one-year homestead decal or \$60 for a three-year homestead decal in any zone; \$50 for a one year, non-homestead decal in existing zones 3,4,6,7, 8, the portion of existing zone 2 east of NW 13th Street, and any additional zones as may be created from time to time; and \$100 for a one year, non-homestead decal in existing

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zones 1, 5, the portion of existing zone 2 west of NW 13th Street; 2) modify the zone boundaries as recommended by the Community Development Committee; and 3) fund three additional Parking Operations Attendant II positions to increase parking enforcement capabilities.

Alternate Recommendation

The City Commission: 1) authorize the City Manager to change parking decal pricing effective July 15, 2013 to \$20 for a one-year homestead decal or \$60 for a three-year homestead decal in any zone; \$50 for a one year, non-homestead decal in existing zones 3,4,6,7, 8, the portion of existing zone 2 east of NW 13th Street, and any additional zones as may be created from time to time; and \$100 for a one year, non-homestead decal in existing zones 1, 5, the portion of existing zone 2 west of NW 13th Street; 2) modify the zone boundaries as recommended by the Community Development Committee; and 3) consider a budget increment for FY 14 to fund three additional temporary trained workers for a one year pilot program for expanded enforcement.