

Source: Public Works

Agenda Item No: REP 121-12

To: City Council
From: City Manager and Staff

Council Meeting Date: Aug 6, 2012

Re: Issue Parking Tags to Lee Elementary School for Volunteers (CM 3654)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a report concerning parking tags for volunteers at Lee Elementary School.

DISCUSSION:

At the June 18, 2012 Council meeting, a motion was passed directing staff to issue parking tags to Lee Elementary School, to provide to their volunteers, to allow them to park longer than the currently allotted 20 minutes. The City's Legal department informed staff that an ordinance change would be required should the issuance of parking tags proceed. As an alternative, staff devised a plan to install eleven (11), two-hour, parking meters on Waugh Street (see attached diagram), and eight (8) meter hoods (vinyl bags that would be used to cover the meters), would be issued to administration officials at Lee Elementary School. The meter hoods would be labeled as "Lee Elementary Parking Only" and, when placed upon the meter head, would render the spot adjacent to the meter as reserved. Attached is a copy of Section 14-424 of the City Code concerning the issuance and rates of special meter hoods. Staff is hopeful that, by using a system already in place, it will be less confusing for those who will be utilizing the parking most often; parents of Lee Elementary School students, university students, and Lee Elementary School staff.

Staff recommends ordinance 14-424 be amended to allow meter hoods be issued to Lee Elementary School for \$400 per year, per meter hood. This equates to \$32.87 per month or \$1.09 per day. By comparison, the rates set forth by ordinance 14-424 for certain entities that exhibit a need to utilize meter hoods is \$1,600 annually per hood, \$150 per month, or \$8 per day. Until the ordinance can be amended, staff recommends issuing eight (8) temporary meter hoods to Lee Elementary School at no cost, as allowed in ordinance 14-424 subsection e.

Though not pertaining specifically to meter hoods, staff feels it essential to compare the proposed rate of \$400 per meter hood to that of the rate of city-issued parking permits. A permit in the nearby 10th and Cherry Street Garage is \$700 annually for parking in a covered space, and \$580 annually for an uncovered space.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to install parking meters and purchase meter hoods is estimated at \$3,650 to be paid from the Parking Utility. With the additional parking meters on Waugh Street, staff anticipates \$845 per year in revenue.

VISION IMPACT:

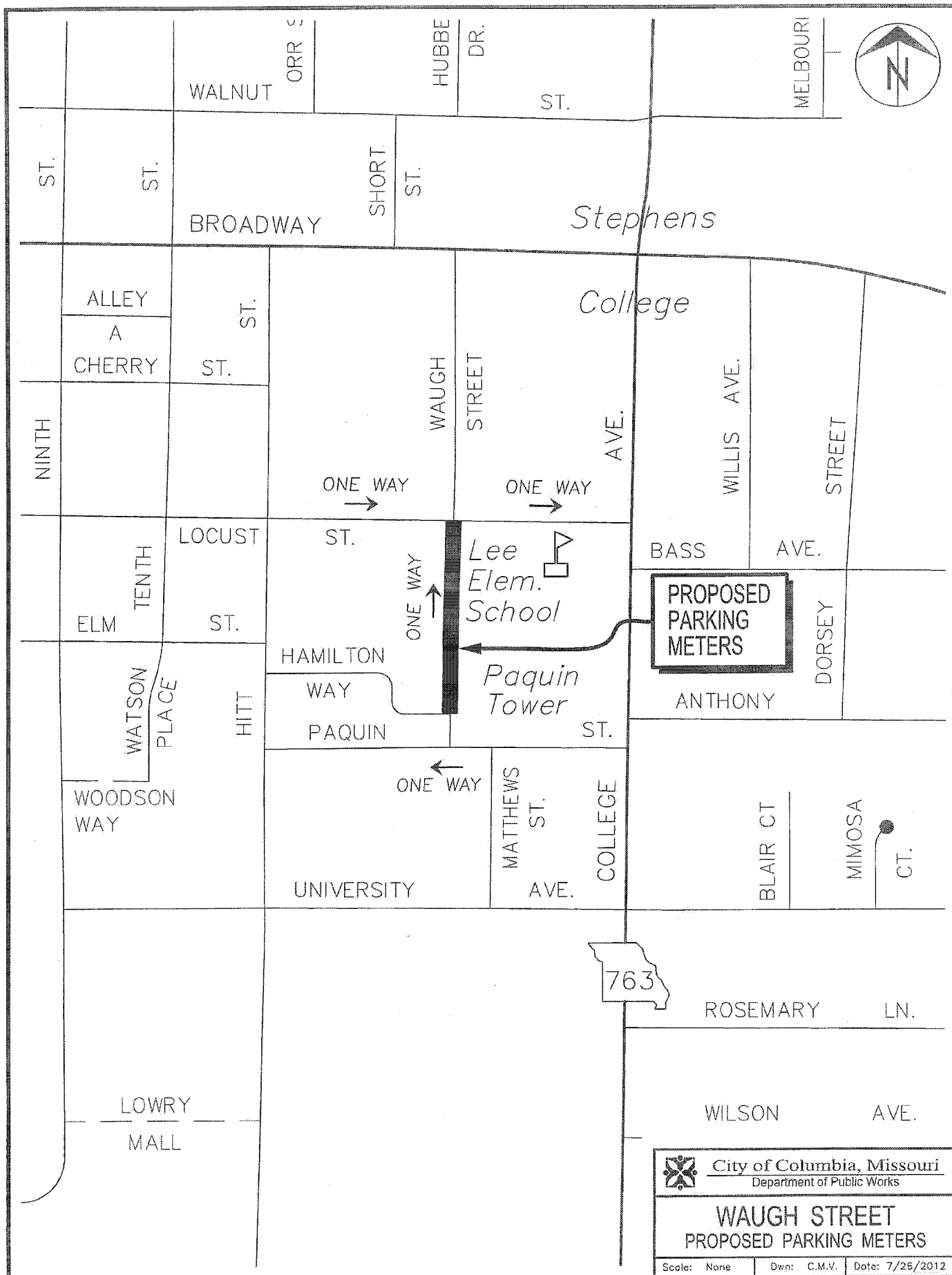
<http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Council/Meetings/visionimpact.php>

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SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTIONS:

Direct staff to issue eight (8) temporary meter hoods to Lee Elementary School before school starts on August 16th. Further, direct staff to amend ordinance 14-424 to allow meter hoods to be issued to Lee Elementary School for \$400 per year per meter, and to amend ordinance 14-416 to allow two-hour parking meters on Waugh Street.

FISCAL and VISION NOTES:					
City Fiscal Impact Enter all that apply		Program Impact		Mandates	
City's current net FY cost	\$0.00	New Program/ Agency?	No	Federal or State mandated?	No
Amount of funds already appropriated	\$0.00	Duplicates/Expands an existing program?	No	Vision Implementation impact	
Amount of budget amendment needed	\$0.00	Fiscal Impact on any local political subdivision?	No	Enter all that apply: Refer to Web site	
Estimated 2 year net costs:		Resources Required		Vision Impact?	Yes
One Time	\$3,650.00	Requires add'l FTE Personnel?	No	Primary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	6.1
Operating/ Ongoing	\$0.00	Requires add'l facilities?	No	Secondary Vision, Strategy and/or Goal Item #	6.3
		Requires add'l capital equipment?	No	Fiscal year implementation Task #	



Chapter 14 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC*

Section 14-424 Same--Special hoods.

(a) The city manager may authorize the issuance of marked parking meter hoods to the following persons at the rates stated herein, which shall be in lieu of meter charges:

(1) *Contractors and service agencies*, who exhibit a need to park vehicles at specific meter locations in order to perform their work--Eight dollars (\$8.00) per day.

(2) *Private utilities companies*, for the parking of service vehicles identifiable as such by color or signs--Eight dollars (\$8.00) per day.

(3) *Churches* and any business that establishes a business-related need for the issuance of such hoods--Eight dollars (\$8.00) per day.

(4) *Handicapped persons*, who establish an employment need for the issuance of such hood and who either are nonambulatory or who present a physician's certificate of need with respect to their handicap--Two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per day or fifty dollars (\$50.00) per month.

(b) The city manager may, by regulations, impose conditions and limitations upon the issuance and use of such hoods. The city manager may also withdraw or revoke hoods issued hereunder, provided that any prepayments are refunded pro rata.

(c) The city manager shall have the authority to issue annual and or monthly parking hoods to service agencies, private utility companies, theater operators and funeral home operators who establish a reasonably definite basis of estimating their annual use of such hoods. The minimum fee for issuance of annual hoods shall be sixty cents (\$0.60) per estimated hour of usage, provided that the minimum annual hood fee shall be one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,600.00) payable in advance. The monthly fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).

(d) The city manager shall have the authority to issue parking hoods to the chief of police for the use of volunteer police workers while working in the police building and for use by the municipal court bailiff for duties relating to transporting inmates to and from municipal court. The police department shall pay the parking utility a monthly fee of sixty cents (\$0.60) per estimated hour of hood usage.

(e) The city manager shall have the authority to issue parking hoods to not-for-profit organizations, without charge, when the city manager determines that waiver of the rental fee is in the public interest and that doing so would contribute to the public awareness of, accessibility to, participation in, and support for the artistic, cultural or charitable development in the city and is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

(Code 1964, § 12.756; Ord. No. 11311, § 1, 12-15-86; Ord. No. 12643, § 1, 6-18-90; Ord. No. 15518, § 1, 2-16-98; § 1, 8-7-00, Ord. No. 16523; Ord. No. 20986, § 1, 6-20-11; Ord. No. 21309, § 1, 5-7-12)