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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Capital Projects

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DATE: January 3, 2018

SUBJECT

Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding heavy use of on-street parking along Wainwright Street between Warren Court and Prairie Street.

BACKGROUND

In the recent past, City staff has received several concerns from citizens as well as City staff regarding the segment of Wainwright Street between Warren Court and Prairie Street. The primary issue is the existing narrow street width and the heavy use of on-street parking (both sides) along this section of the roadway.

The segment of Wainwright Street between Warren Court and Prairie Street is approximately 22 feet in width and experiences heavy on-street parking on both sides due to the proximity of several apartment buildings along Prairie Street (both north and south side) between Locust Street and Wainwright Street. The Fire Code requires a street to be a minimum of 26 feet for allowing on-street parking on one side and 32 feet for allowing on-street parking on both sides. This requirement provides the necessary space essential for access and deployment of fire equipment. The current street width does not provide sufficient capacity to permit on-street parking on both sides of Wainwright Street between Warren Court and Prairie Street as it does not satisfy the requirement included in the fire code.

Staff has previously reviewed the parking situation along this segment of Wainwright Street due to access concerns received from the solid waste department. As part of this review, staff has engaged with residents to gather feedback regarding the possibility of restricting parking along this segment of Wainwright Street. Based on the response, majority of the residents were opposed to eliminating on-street parking on one or both sides of the street.

It should be noted that Wainwright Street between Sycamore Street and Prairie Street currently has on-street parking restrictions on one side (west side) of the street. Similar restrictions could be considered along the segment of Wainwright Street between Prairie Street and Warren Court but it is not supported by the residents. Additionally, due to the high on-street parking demand in this area, restricting parking along this segment will move the issue to the next segment (between Warren Court and Highland Street) which is also a narrow section that is approximately 22 feet wide. With this in mind, staff recommends exploring other options such as education and enforcement to improve access and safety along this segment of Wainwright Street. Staff can notify the residents about these issues and highlight the sections of the City municipal code and the relevant ordinance (Exhibit 2) that address on-street parking. Additionally, staff will work with the police department to increase parking enforcement efforts in this area.

RECOMMENDATION

This is just a discussion item that does not require an action at this time

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Public Infrastructure
Related Goal: 4.1 Enhance public safety

EXHIBITS

1. AIS
2. Location Map
3. City Ordinance

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