



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Johnnie Khamis

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: May 19, 2016

Approved

Date

5/28/16

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: **Hoffman Via-Monte Residential Parking Permit Program**

Amount of City Funding Required: **\$35,000.00**

0.5 Engineering Intern PT: \$15,000.00

1.0 Signage Installation (staffing and materials) - \$20,000

Fund Type (i.e. General Fund, C&C funds, etc.): **General Fund**

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Proposal Description, including anticipated outcomes (describe how change would affect services for San José residents, businesses, community groups, etc.):

A parking program for the Hoffman Via-Monte neighborhood will improve the quality of life for the residents living there. Currently, there is an overcrowding of residents due to low income conditions existing among the residents living there. Residents are sub-leasing their units to tenants who live in the bedrooms of the units and, in some cases, are using living rooms as living quarters. This, of course, causes more vehicles to be parked in the neighborhood. When coupled with an environment where the entrepreneurial spirit of starting home businesses is manifested in businesses that involve vehicle repairs and auto sales, we end up with major parking problems in the neighborhood. Presently, families find themselves marching their children, groceries, and other packages for several blocks before arriving home to their apartments. This condition encourages residents to take shopping carts from stores to make their trips easier only to abandon them in the neighborhood, adding to blight in the neighborhood.

This proposal is an extension of the work already going on in District 1, that funds one 1/2 time engineer on a one-time basis for one year and adds additional funding for consultant services to help assist with implementation. In order to more quickly facilitate permit program implementation, the Department of Transportation should also reassess its permit program policy for new residential parking districts including the following parameters:

- Allow for smaller parking permit districts in order to better target problem areas, e.g., 2 to 3 blocks. Current parking permit areas in the downtown area are large swaths of neighborhoods, but in some areas, such large areas might not be necessary in order to provide adequate parking relief.
- Allow for additional streets to be added to these programs if enough supplemental signatures are gathered.
- Consider lowering the percentage of occupancy necessary in order for a street or neighborhood to qualify for a program, in certain cases, where the permit area is smaller. Currently, a neighborhood must consistently experience greater than 75% occupancy of street parking with 50% being generated by vehicles not associated with residents who live in the neighborhood.
- Remove requirement that parking intrusion be linked to a specific non-residential use. Some neighborhoods have streets that have become parking storage for other neighborhoods, and not for non-residential uses, in the immediate vicinity.
- Consider putting smaller caps on the number of permits a residence can obtain if they live in an area covered by a permit program, e.g., only one or two permits per address.

Given the limited amount of resources being allocated to the program, the Department of Transportation should work closely with the affected Council District offices in order to help with the outreach and components of the residential permit program.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve (\$2 million)

Other (Program/Project/Fund):

Department or Organization: Department of Transportation

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