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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # 309-2006

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: December 12, 2006

SUBJECT: **ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOLS FOR CITY HALL PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY**

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In a previous LTC, the Mayor and City Commission were provided the detailed plans for relocation of parking currently provided behind the City Hall both for Administrative staff and the Mayor and City Commissioners. The purpose of this LTC is to be as clear as possible for all potentially affected parties on the nature of parking enforcement during the construction activities for the multi-purpose municipal parking facility.

As the parking facility construction will temporarily remove from availability a large block of parking, enforcement of the temporary parking provisions and assignments will need to be consistently stringent.

In the initial phases of the relocation, the designated Mayor and City Commission parking spots on 17th Street immediately to the south of City Hall (adjacent to the City Hall Christmas tree) will be attended to assure that no one other than the Mayor and respective City Commissioners use the available spaces. Initially, the attendant will only allow the Mayor and City Commissioners into this parking area and eventually when the attendant is withdrawn; persons found in this area for any reason will be ticketed and/or towed by Parking Enforcement.

Again, because of the overall scarcity of parking in the area during construction, the current practice of allowing aides, office staff or others to use designated City Commission spaces will no longer be an option.

Parking Enforcement on Convention Center Drive, where specific public parking and handicap parking spaces have been created, will also be stringently enforced. As Administrative staff has been specifically directed into the 17th Street Garage, and off of Convention Center Drive, the Convention Center Drive spaces will be closely monitored to assure that the intended public and/or handicap users have access to the limited number of spaces proximate to City Hall.

In the 17th Street Parking Garage, the spaces that have been reserved for Administrative Staff are not in the prime public parking areas and will be grouped in one parking bay. As in the other designated parking areas, the assigned spaces for this parking bay will be strictly monitored. A number of the spaces will be specifically designated for an individual user by name to assure that space is available when needed. Other spaces designated for G Decal Use or specific Department use will also be limited to only those specific persons with the appropriate decal.

While the enforcement attention may seem overly stringent, unfortunately, it is the only way in which we can assure a level playing field and equal treatment for all of those individuals needing parking during the construction of the municipal parking facility. Additional reminders and some warnings will be provided, however, in very short order after the reassignment of spaces occurs enforcement efforts will follow.

Please call if you have any questions regarding the impacts and/or practices associated with the parking relocation.

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LETTER TO THE OFFICE
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TO: Mayor David Dermer and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: December 5, 2006

SUBJECT: **PARKING ARRANGEMENTS DURING CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY**

I am pleased to announce that ground breaking and demolition activities associated with the construction of the Multi-Purpose Municipal Parking Facility, to be located immediately West of City Hall, are anticipated to commence in January of 2007. The construction area will include the employee parking lot behind City Hall ("City Hall Lot") as well as the smaller parking lot for the 777 Building. In an effort to minimize the impact to the Mayor and Commissioners and the City staff that have assigned parking spaces in the existing surface lots between City Hall and Meridian Avenue, the following parking accommodations are proposed:

MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS:

Assigned parking spaces will be relocated to the handicap parking area presently located South of City Hall, along 17th Street in what is also known as the "drop-off area". Seven new assigned parking spaces will be marked out and appropriate reserved parking signage installed (See attached plan). It should be noted that these spaces are specifically for the Mayor and Commissioners only. Any vehicle other than a vehicle belonging to the Mayor or Member of the City Commission will be ticketed and/or towed without exception.

ADMINISTRATION AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT:

Assigned parking spaces, including "G" decals, will be relocated to the ground floor of the 17th Street Parking Garage. Designated spaces will also be provided for Central Services and IT service vehicles. Reserved parking signage will be installed. (See attached plan).

OTHER CITY EMPLOYEES:

Parking will be available at the 17th Street Parking Garage.

HANDICAP SPACES:

Parking spaces will be relocated to Convention Center Drive, between 17th and 18th Streets. Additional handicap parking is also available at the 17th Street Parking Garage.

CONVENTION CENTER DRIVE PARKING:

With the exception of four reserved parking spaces (City Manager, City Attorney, Central Services and IT), and six handicap spaces, the majority of parking fronting City Hall will remain available to the general public.

In order to comply with contractual requirements, independent arrangements are being made to provide assigned parking to the tenants of the 777 Building at the 17th Street Parking Garage.

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Although the project construction fence will be installed around the City Hall Lot in late December, existing parking will be accessible until the demolition phase commences in early January 2007. With the start of construction activities, the loading dock entrance will be closed to employees. Access will continue to be provided via the City Hall's main entrance doors in the East side, as well as the stairway and elevator access doors located on the South breezeway. To allow 24-hour access through the South doors, they will be fitted with electronic card readers. It is anticipated that substantial completion of the new parking facility will be achieved in the fourth quarter of calendar year 2008.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments regarding these proposed parking arrangements. I would like to make final determinations on this by the end of December.

~~JMG/TJ/JECH~~
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Jorge E. Chartrand, CIP Director

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