

Late Backup

Item No. 43
Initiated by CM Riley
5/22/2014

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Austin is a city with a vibrant festival schedule as well as a continuous cycle of construction projects; and

WHEREAS, both festivals and construction projects can bring large numbers of drivers to an area, resulting in significant parking impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Transportation Department manages a Residential Permit Parking program to give residents a better chance of finding an on-street parking space in neighborhoods adjacent to commercial uses that have spillover parking issues, while balancing the parking needs of the adjacent uses; and

WHEREAS, better enforcement against bad parking practices, such as blocking driveways, fire hydrants, and intersections, would help neighborhoods feel less damaged by spillover parking from nearby events and nearby construction; and

WHEREAS, funds to support enforcement will have to be identified, potentially from new sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the recent TUR Partners' Town Lake Metropolitan Park Long-Term Redevelopment process has included discussion of residential parking permit zones for the 25 event days on the shores as an immediately actionable recommendation; and

WHEREAS, neighborhoods adjacent to downtown, such as the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood, have experienced spillover parking during nearby downtown construction projects; and

WHEREAS, in many situations where there are events, such as festivals or construction projects, there is insufficient parking occupancy outside of the time of those events to support a long-term Residential Permit Parking zone; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to initiate a stakeholder process to make recommendations on a temporary Residential Permit Parking program to be implemented at times when there are parking impacts from events, including but not limited to festivals and construction projects. This stakeholder group should include neighborhood representatives, event organizers, and representatives from the construction community and should address costs and implementation, enforcement of this program, and other program details.

The City Manager is further directed to bring a report to Council on how this new program will be implemented, including any necessary code amendments, within 90 days.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk