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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Matthew R. Walsh, Director of Redevelopment, Downtown Services,
& Special Projects

DATE: January 31, 2019

SUBJECT: Nivelles Street No Parking Ordinance

Recommendation:

- Accept the following report; and,
- Set the attached ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances; Title II, Traffic Code; Chapter 18, Parking, Article 18-1, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 18-1-6, Parking Prohibited at All Times in Designated Places, Schedule I (Parking Prohibited at All Times) for public hearing on March 11, 2019.

Background:

Nivelles Street is a small, dead-end residential street located in the South End off Donovan Street. The road is 21-22' feet width, does not have curbing, and serves nine single family homes. Although a dead-end, the road lacks a formal cul-de-sac or hammerhead turnaround.

On January 24, 2018, Derek Ruiz, resident of 40 Nivelles Street submitted a letter to the Parking Committee requesting that a no parking zone be enacted to encompass the westerly end of the roadway at the dead-end adjacent to 39 and 40 Nivelles Street, respectively. Mr. Ruiz's letter is attached to this report.

At issue is a concern that parking associated with 39 Nivelles Street has resulted in narrow street conditions, as well as an inability for the United States Parcel Service to provide mail service to the property owned by Mr. Ruiz at 40 Nivelles Street. There have also been concerns raised regarding the ability of General Services to plow the section of the road near 39 and 40 Neville Street, as well as sufficient space to allow for the public to turn around in order to reverse direction.

The Parking Committee met to review this request on multiple occasions, including: March 26, 2018, June 25, 2018, August 16, 2018, August 27, 2018, and January 28, 2019.

On August 16, 2018 the Parking Committee held a neighborhood forum to attempt to resolve the parking issues. Minutes of the neighborhood forum are attached to this report. The forum determined that this parking issue resulted from a dispute between the property owners at 39 and 40 Nivelles Street regarding parking in the vicinity of their homes. Recognizing this

circumstance, the Parking Committee directed staff to attempt to mediate a resolution. Towards that end, an informal verbal agreement was brokered by City staff. Please see the attached memorandum to file attached to this report.

In addition, also at the request of the Parking Committee, a letter was sent to all residents of Nivelle Street explaining lawful use of the Nivelle Street rights-of-way, as well as basic parking regulations governing Nivelle Street.

Discussion:

In early January 2019, the parking disputes between the property owners of 39 and 40 Nivelle Street began to resurface.

On January 28, 2019, the Parking Committee met to discuss the situation. Recognizing the effort that had been invested in this issue by the Parking Committee and City staff, that the informal verbal agreement had failed, and that this issue has been ongoing for approximately 1 year, the Parking Committee voted unanimously to implement a no parking zone at the westerly end of Nivelle Street (in the vicinity of the dead-end) per the attached map.

The Parking Committee believes this is the least intrusive option available to address this issue. However, in the event poor parking behavior persists on those portions of Nivelle where public parking is recommended to remain, the Parking Committee may find it necessary to recommend additional parking changes in the future.

Lastly, the proposed ordinance will help to ensure safe and uninhibited delivery of governmental services, including the US Mail, snow plowing, as well as emergency services, given the lack of formal turn around at the end of the street.