



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager-Development

DATE: June 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Merrimack County's Request to Temporarily Encumber Municipal Parking Spaces

Recommendation

Accept the report authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Merrimack County to provide temporary parking solutions during construction for users of the Merrimack County Superior courthouse.

Background

The impending courthouse project will require that the existing courthouse remain open while a new facility is built immediately adjacent in what is today the Court's parking lot. This will significantly impact the court's ability to provide parking for the public using the facility during construction.

Discussion

Attorney Richard Uchida, on behalf of Merrimack County, submitted a letter dated June 3rd which seeks the following (see attached):

1. To have the City temporarily dedicate certain on-street parking spaces on North Main Street and Court Street for courthouse use during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; and
2. To allow the County to convert existing parallel spaces adjacent to the western boundary of the County's property on Montgomery Street to angled spaces resulting in temporary, additional capacity. A portion of those spaces would be on County land.

The County is not proposing to pay for the use of those spaces, but is offering the services of the Sheriff's office to monitor and enforce parking restrictions in the above-referenced areas which would alleviate any additional burdens on City resources.

If acceptable to the Council, staff will work with the County to ensure that the temporary parking is provided in an acceptable fashion.