



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of March 29, 2016
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 12, 2016

DATE: March 8, 2016

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<p>Changing a Portion of the One-Way Designation Along Third Street (Between Morgan Avenue and Elizabeth Street)</p>

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53, Section 53-250 Schedule I – One Way Streets and Alleys by changing the portion of Third Street between Elizabeth Street and Morgan Avenue from a one-way traffic pattern to a two-way traffic pattern.

PURPOSE:

This ordinance amendment would change the one-way traffic designation along one block of Third Street between Morgan Avenue and Elizabeth Street.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Christus Spohn Health System received approval from the Nueces County Hospital District in 2014 to expand its existing Christus Spohn Shoreline (Spohn) campus. As part of the expansion, architectural improvements include creating a gateway to the new campus to provide better access for patients, visitors and employees. Spohn abuts several City streets including Morgan Avenue, Ocean Drive, Elizabeth Street and Third Street. The gateway entry into Spohn will connect to both Third Street and Elizabeth Street.

Approximately six blocks of Third Street, from Del Mar Boulevard to Hancock Avenue, is designated as one-way traffic flow in north direction. Spohn abuts Third Street within those limits

along the block between Morgan Avenue and Elizabeth Street. The change of the north one-way designation along the segment of Third Street between Morgan Avenue and Elizabeth Street will allow two-way flow of traffic which complements Spohn's gateway enhancements.

The DeShazo Group, Inc., on behalf of Spohn, performed a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA). It addressed Spohn's requested change of the north one-way designation of Third Street between Morgan Avenue and Elizabeth Street. TIA also addressed existing and projected traffic volumes, level of service of surrounding intersections and pedestrian safety. In summary, the TIA concluded the streets and intersections surrounding the hospital would continue to meet City requirements for satisfactory level of service. The proposed change of the north one-way designation along Third Street would improve hospital access without creating any traffic operational problems. A proposed conversion of signalized intersection on Elizabeth Street at Third Street to all-way STOP was also deemed acceptable.

The City's Transportation Advisory Commission recommended approval of the proposed ordinance amendment during its monthly meeting held on October 26, 2015.

Christus Spohn Health System held two community meetings about Third Street, on March 3, 2016. They covered expansion of Spohn as well as Third Street proposal. The neighboring businesses and residents raised no major concerns. The proposed two-way street on Third Street would not remove on-street parking.

The change would become effective when signs indicating the north one-way designation of traffic are removed per City Ordinance Section 53-104.

ALTERNATIVES:

Not applicable

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

This item conforms to the City Charter requirements to amend the Code of Ordinances.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Engineering Services, Development Services

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital ☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year 2015-2016	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended				

Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

COMMENTS: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this ordinance amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Presentation

Ordinance

Location Map