



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading for the City Council Meeting of August 9, 2016
Second Reading for the City Council Meeting of August 16, 2016

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Amending City Code to improve traffic circulation for Fannin Elementary School

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 53, Article VIII, Section 53-250 Schedule I – One Way Streets and Alleys by altering the direction of one-way traffic on Alexander Street from west to east and removing the one-way designation from Devon Drive, from Gollihar Road to Alexander Street; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

PURPOSE:

An ordinance amendment will improve traffic circulation during school zone hours for Fannin Elementary School.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Corpus Christi received a request from Fannin Elementary School to change the current traffic pattern during school zone hours (7:15 AM – 8:15 AM and 2:45 PM -3:45 PM). This change was requested in order to improve the school's drop-off and pick-up operations.

Devon Drive and Alexander Street abut Fannin Elementary and are designated as one-way during

school hours per ordinance. Traffic flows one-way in the north direction on Devon Drive, from Gollihar Road to Alexander Street, and one-way in the west direction on Alexander Street, from Devon Drive to Spring Street. Altering the one-way designation of Alexander Street from west to east and removing the one-way designation from Devon Drive is required to accommodate the proposed change in operations.

Traffic Engineering coordinated with the Corpus Christi Police Department (CCPD) to ensure the proposed changes would improve the safety of children walking to school, alleviate congestion for parents during drop-off and pickup times and ease traffic circulation around the school. City staff determined the proposed traffic changes will enhance school arrival and dismissal procedures and should not affect parking for residents living adjacent to the school's property.

The City's Transportation Advisory Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed ordinance amendments at their June 27, 2016 meeting.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the proposed ordinance amendments.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

The one-way street designations conforms to City policy.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Street Operations
Police Department

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:

City staff recommends approval of this ordinance amendment.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance
Location Map
Presentation