



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Council Session

Item I-3

#2014-192 - Consideration of Designating No Parking on Both Sides of Stolley Park Road, from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street

Staff Contact: John Collins PE - Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Meeting: July 8, 2014

Subject: Approving Designation of No Parking on Both Sides of Stolley Park Road, from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street

Item #'s: I-3

Presenter(s): John Collins PE, Public Works Director

Background

Construction of Stolley Park Road was completed in two parts; (South Locust to Blaine) in 1978 and (Blaine to Hwy 281) in 1983 using funds from the Department of Roads. Stolley Park Road was constructed as a four lane arterial route, but the road has only functioned as a two lane street. Traffic volume is continuing to increase from 7,390 ADT in 1978 to current counts reaching around 12,500, and substantially more during special events.

The City has received a number of complaints, including:

- Vehicles using the outside parking lane to pass;
- Vehicles driving on the outside parking lane as though it was a travel lane;
- Vehicle/pedestrian hazards at Stolley Park Elementary and Barr Middle School;
- Vehicle/pedestrian hazards along Stolley Park Road as vehicles drive along the parking lanes;
- Speeding;
- Vehicles running the traffic signal at Blaine Street;
- The Stolley Park driveway creates a hazard as it connects at the intersection of Stolley Park Road and Park Drive;
- Numerous rear end collisions from turning traffic.

The Department of Public Works has studied the issues and verified the complaints. Running the signal is an enforcement issue only. The remaining issues are related to the design and current configuration of the street. Factors of significance include:

- The road was designed and constructed as a four lane arterial, and is visually recognizable as such.
- The parking lanes rarely contain parked vehicles.

- Barr Middle School has provided off street pickup/drop off access. Stolley Park Elementary has limited appropriate off street pickup/drop off access and is of special concern as very young children cross this arterial. This school access will need to be addressed in the near future to alleviate the need for pick up along an arterial road.
- Stolley Park Road is clearly an arterial route, but property development in many areas is more appropriate to residential streets. As a result, the number of driveways makes four lanes inadvisable for sections of the route.

On June 24, 2014 staff presented options for reconfiguring Stolley Park Road, which requires removing parking along the roadway from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street.

City Council action is required to designate No Parking on any public street.

Discussion

Upon discussion by the City Council and citizens at the June 24, 2014 study session the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department recommends the designation of No Parking on both sides of Stolley Park Road, from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street. The No Parking restriction will make for a safer roadway by leaving it unencumbered by parked vehicles.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the resolution designating No Parking on both sides of Stolley Park Road, from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2014-192

WHEREAS, the City Council, by authority of §22-77 of the Grand Island City Code, may by resolution, entirely prohibit or fix a time limit for the parking and stopping of vehicles in or on any public street, public property, or portion thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department is requesting that No Parking be instituted on both sides of Stolley Park Road, from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that such restricted parking request be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that

1. A No Parking Zone is hereby designated on both sides (north and south) of Stolley Park Road, from US Highway 281 to South Locust Street; and
2. The City's Street Division of the Public Works Department shall erect and maintain the signs and striping necessary to effect the above regulation.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, July 8, 2014.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
July 3, 2014	☒ City Attorney