



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Council Session

Item I5

#2012-154 - Consideration of Designating No Parking on the West Side of Pine Street, South of East South Front Street

Staff Contact: John Collins, Public Works Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Keith Kurz, Public Works Engineer

Meeting: June 12, 2012

Subject: Approving Designating No Parking on the West Side of Pine Street, South of East South Front Street

Item #'s: I-5

Presenter(s): John Collins, Public Works Director

Background

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

As one step in mitigating the Union Pacific Railroad's concerns relative to the Quiet Zone, the City needs to improve the site distance on Pine Street and East South Front Street by closing the first three parking stalls (see attached sketch).

Discussion

Existing conditions at the intersection of East South Front Street and Pine Street cause poor sight distance for vehicles eastbound on East South Front Street. This can cause potential conflicts between vehicles at this intersection resulting in accidents. An existing building on the southwest corner of East South Front Street and Pine Street blocks viewing capabilities for drivers. Also hampering the viewing distance of drivers is the parking of cars along the west side of Pine Street.

Existing sight distance is approximately 70 feet assuming vehicles are parked in the stalls along Pine Street. This is shown in Exhibit 1 and is controlled by the cars parked along Pine Street not the building on the southwest corner. According to the Policy on Geometric Design Standard of Highways and Streets, generated by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), the recommended sight distance for this intersection is 280 feet. The minimum distance is 155 feet.

Ideally, the recommend distance would be used all the time, but as with the case of this intersection, immovable objects control the distance that can be provided. As shown in

Exhibit 2, without the parking stalls the building limits the sight distance to 155 feet as shown. To ensure this distance is provided, the first three stalls south of the intersection should be eliminated. It is presented for your consideration to remove the parking stalls.

Alternatives

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

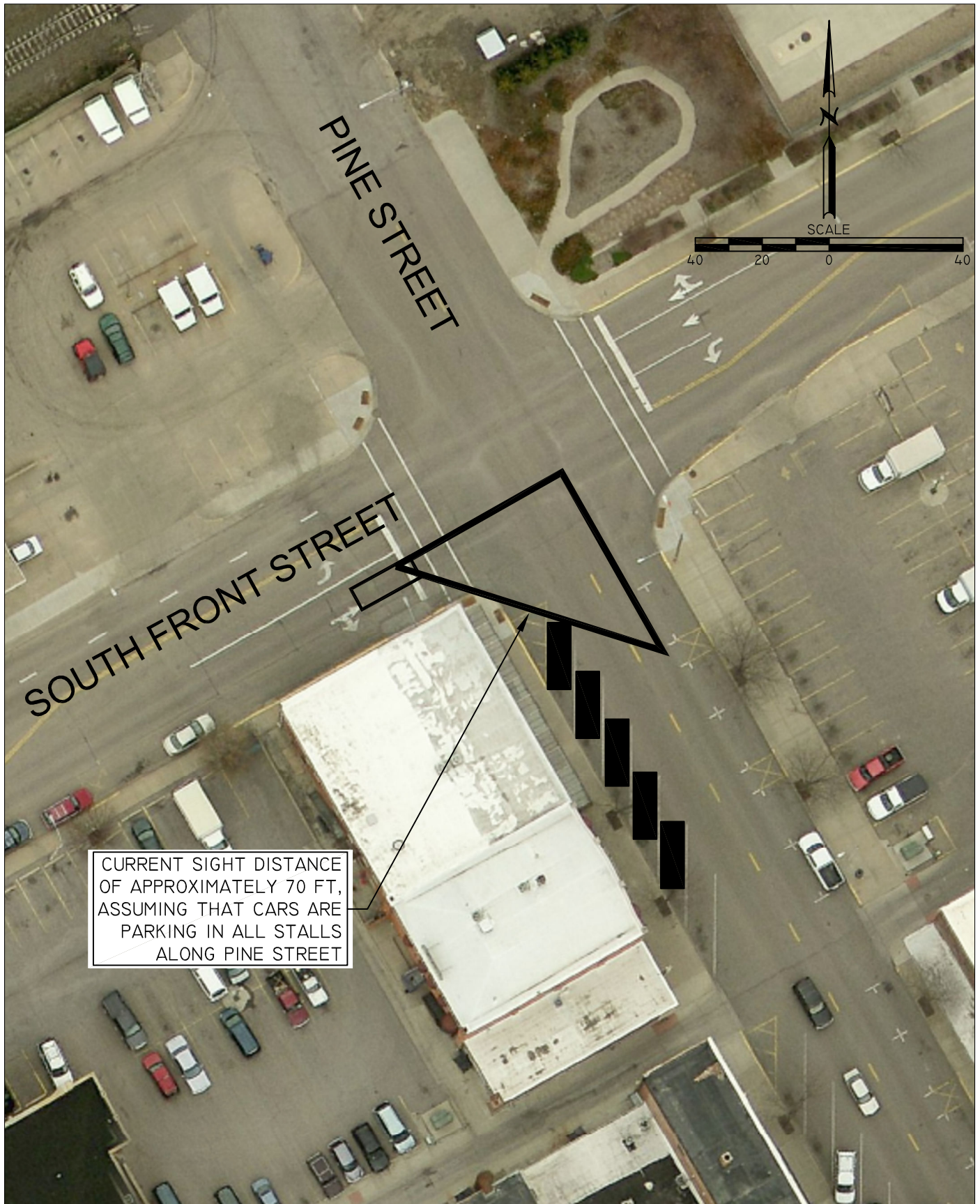
1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

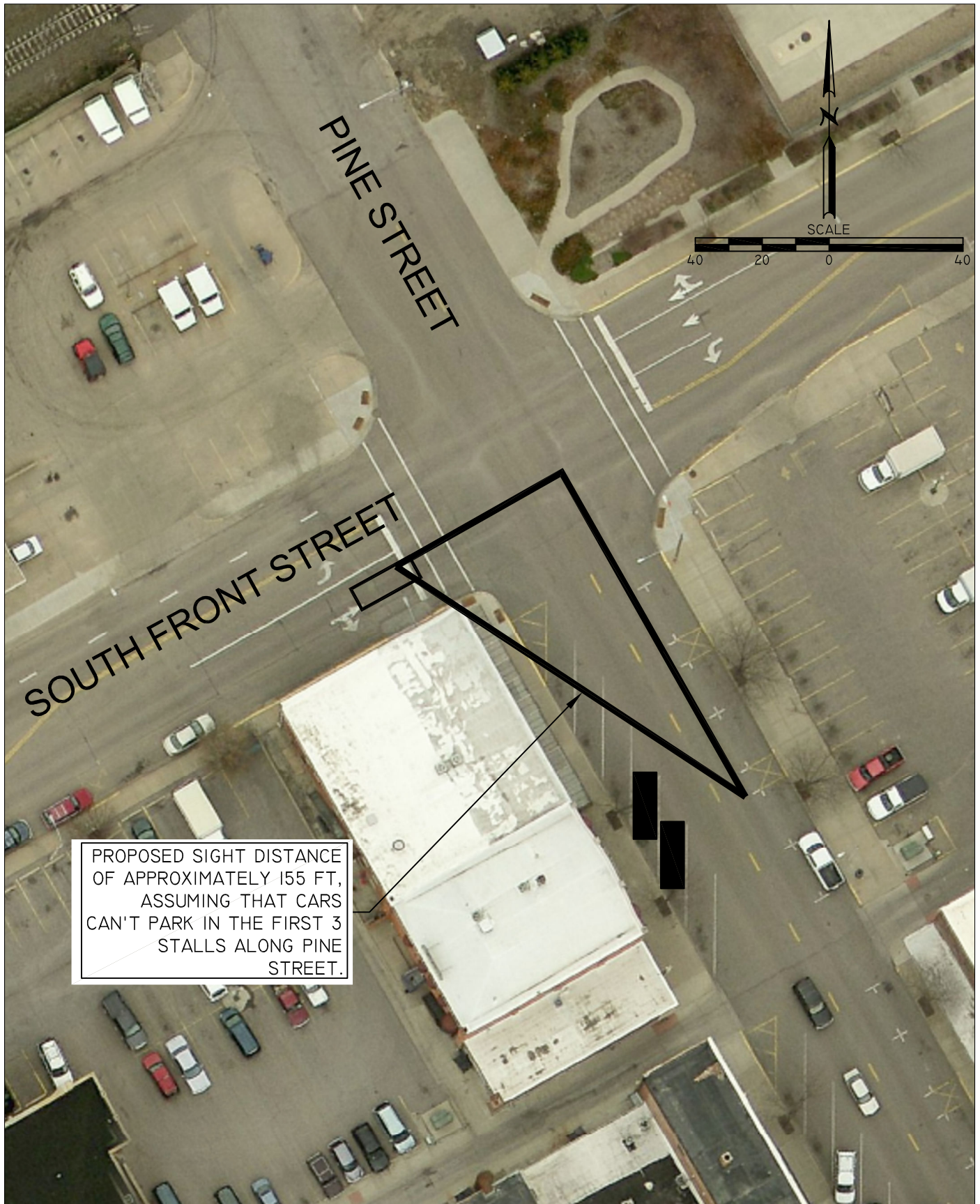
Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the resolution designating No Parking on the west side of Pine Street, south of East South Front Street.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the resolution.





RESOLUTION 2012-154

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 in place of the first 3 parking stalls on the west side of Pine Street, south of East South Front 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 for the first 3 parking stalls on the west side of Pine Street, south of East South Front 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, June 12, 2012.

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
June 8, 2012	▣ City Attorney