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 SUBMITTED BY Public Services  
 DATE ACTION REQUIRED 9/18/24

COUNCIL ACTION   
 PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED   
 RESOLUTION   
 ORDINANCE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING   
 ORDINANCE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING   
 CITY CLERK'S INITIALS

**IMPERIAL CITY COUNCIL  
 AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT:	DISCUSSION/ACTION: 1. South Imperial Avenue Proposed Parking Changes in Front of City Hall between 4th Street and 5th Street		
	DEPARTMENT INVOLVED: Public Services		
	BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: On July 3, 2024, the City Council approved the removal of the mid-block crosswalk on South Imperial Avenue. The Gas Company completed a slurry seal project on South Imperial Avenue and subsequently re-stripped the angled parking without the crosswalk. This resulted in an additional two (2) parking stalls where the crosswalk was. Staff is recommending to remove the last two (2) angled parking spaces just south of the exit driveway from City Hall. The removal will allow for better field of vision for exiting traffic to see northbound traffic on S. Imperial Avenue. With the addition of two (2) parking stalls due to the removal of the crosswalk, and the proposed reduction of two (2) stalls for field of vision, the net result is the same number of stalls prior to the crosswalk being removed. Please see attached report for more details.		
	FISCAL IMPACT: NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00 Funds from Streets (01-320-5241) To be completed using city staff	FINANCE INITIALS	<u>JMS</u>
	STAFF RECOMMENDATION: approve request	DEPT. INITIALS	<u>DD</u>
	MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION: <u>approve staff recommendation</u>	CITY MANAGER'S INITIALS	<u>JHm</u>
	MOTION:		
SECONDED: AYES: NAYES: ABSENT:	APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> REFERRED TO:	REJECTED <input type="checkbox"/> DEFERRED <input type="checkbox"/>	



## Staff Report

**To:** City Council

**From:** David Dale, PE, Public Services Director

**Date:** September 18, 2024

**Subject:** South Imperial Avenue Proposed Parking Changes in Front of City Hall between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street

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### **Background**

On July 3, 2024, the City Council approved the removal of the mid-block crosswalk on South Imperial Avenue. The Gas Company completed a slurry seal project on South Imperial Avenue and subsequently re-striped the angled parking without the crosswalk. This resulted in an additional two parking stalls where the crosswalk was. City staff removed the red paint on the curb, and will remove the concrete ramp and install 6-inch curb and gutter in the near future. Permanent angled parking was not striped on South Imperial Avenue between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street due to proposed development adjacent to this area. Staff is recommending to remove the last two angled parking spaces just south of the exit driveway from City Hall to allow better field of vision for exiting traffic to see northbound traffic on S. Imperial Avenue. With the addition of two parking stalls due to the removal of the crosswalk, and the proposed reduction of two stalls for field of vision, the net result is the same number of stalls prior to the crosswalk being removed.

There have been traffic collisions (TCs) in this area. In lieu of the two parking spaces, staff is recommending the area be designated a drop-off/pick-up parking area only. This drop-off/pick-up area could be used for deliveries to City Hall and dropping off water bills in the outdoor drop box. Additionally, it is being recommended to add (3) 15-Minute Parking stalls on S. Imperial Avenue for individuals that have quick business with the City.

### **Importance of Safe Exit from the Existing Parking Lot**

Vehicles parked immediately south of the exit driveway from the City Hall parking lot block the view of drivers exiting the driveway from northbound traffic on S. Imperial Avenue. There has been at least one recent collision here with a northbound vehicle when exiting the driveway. When the Gas Company completed the striping for the angled parking stalls, they were instructed not to stripe the last two stalls to allow employees to experience how much more field of vision is available with the two stalls removed. If it is determined that the parking stalls shall remain, Public Services staff will stripe the stalls with thermoplastic.

### **Impact on Surrounding Areas**

While the removal of the two angled spaces will reduce the number of parking stalls, two angled spaces were added with the removal of the crosswalk. Therefore, it is a wash, while adding a drop-off/pickup area. Three spaces are being proposed to be designated 15-Minute Parking only (M-F, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. excluding holidays). The existing 15-Minute Parking will be removed from the onsite City Hall parking lot, thus allowing more regular parking spaces available in the parking lot.

Key considerations include:

#### **1. Proposed Modifications:**

- **Removal of Two Angled Parking Spots:** The angled parking spots were already removed as a part of the Gas Company slurry seal project. The spots were not striped in anticipation of this item being brought to the City Council. If it is determined that the spaces should remain, Public Services staff will stripe the spaces. If it is determined that the area should be a “Pickup and Dropoff” Parking only, Public Services will stripe it as such and install the sign.
- **Adding (3) 15-Minute Parking Spaces:** The spaces designated for 15-Minute Parking Only will be relocated from the parking lot to S. Imperial Avenue. This will give them more visibility and use, and could be enforced. The “15-Minute Parking Only” will have a sign that the 15-minute parking is for Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding holidays. Parking in excess of 15-minutes will be allowed after business hours.

### **Development Review Committee (DRC) Feedback**

As part of our assessment, we have collected feedback from the DRC. The members of the DRC agreed and had no objections to the proposed project.

### **Traffic Commission Feedback**

This item went before the Traffic Commission on 8/28/24. The item was approved with the condition that the “15 Minute Parking Only” will be for business hours, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and excluding holidays.

### **Environmental Compliance**

The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15301 (Class1)-Existing Facilities. Minor alteration to the existing street to enhance safety.

### **Fiscal Impact**

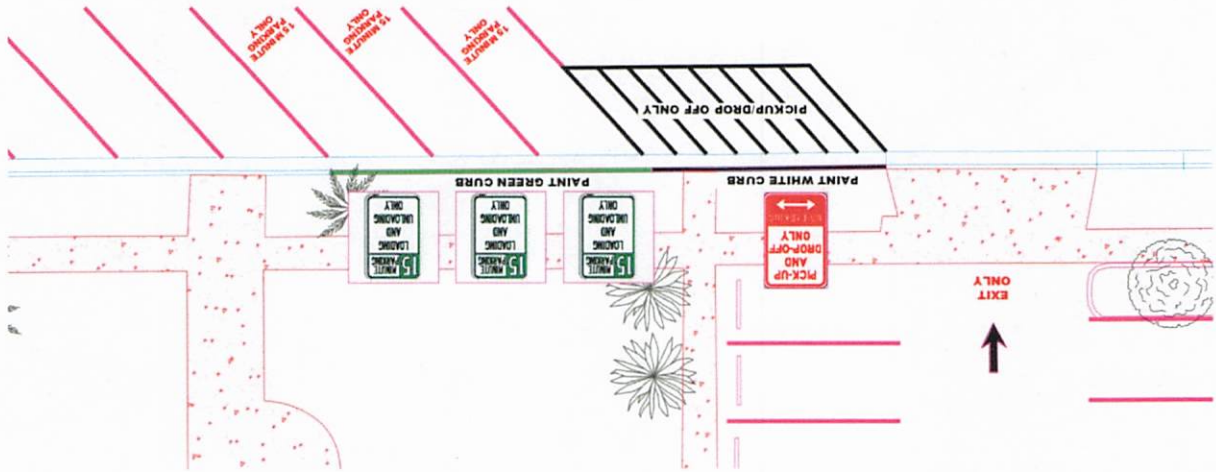
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Funds from Streets (01-320-5241)



*Proposed Parking Changes on S. Imperial Avenue Between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets*

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*Existing Parking on S. Imperial Avenue Between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets*

