

**Subject:** RE: Downtown Parking

Good Morning:

I hope you and your families had a great weekend.

There are three items that may come up at the City Council agenda tonight relating to parking. I am sorry I could not track the item numbers on the City Council agenda because it is not on the City's website. Lately, the City's public meeting agendas are not placed on the City's web site until the day of the meeting. It was almost a standard that the agendas are placed on the web site on the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting. Has there been a policy change in regard to that? The parking items from Legal and Finance Committee are:

- 1- LF 040 1515-08: Request by Hani Shafai in regard to parking on the 300 Block of Kansas City Street: Please accept my withdrawal of this item at this time to allow time to discuss with the County Building and Grounds Committee to address their needs and concerns with my request. I was not aware of their concerns prior to the legal and finance Committee meeting. It is better to work with my neighbors prior to taking any action.
- 2- LF 040 1515 -09: Request to extend the meters to allow 10 hour parking along Kansas City Street : I have several concerns with this change. Allowing upto 10 hour parking on Kansas City Street will change Kansas City Street to be a long term parking lot for employees and residents of the businesses on Main Street and St. Joe Street. This will leave no room for the customers of the businesses along Kansas City Street place to park during business hours. Such a taking will drive these businesses out of business driving the vacancy rates along Kansas City Street. Most will argue that they are mainly churches and Non-profits. Non-profits have customers, churches have customers and funerals that are just held on Sundays because. Kansas City Street is part of the Central Business District Zoning and it pays the same rate to business Improvement District as Main and St. Joe, but it is not treated the same.
- 3- LF 0401515-20 Ordinance NO. 6045: Change in the Parking fees and time for ST. Joe and Main Street. I do not have any issue with the change proposed at this time because it is a reflection of the wishes of the people along Main and St. Joe. I still request and advise the City Council to approach the downtown zoning and parking requirements in a fair manner based on a master plan that serves the long term needs of the community. I do believe that the current changes do not go far enough to address such needs.

Thank you for your efforts.

Best Regards,

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