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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee

CC: Public Works Committee
Mayor Hanks
Steve Allender

FROM: Jason E. Green, City Attorney *JEG*
2-18-09

DATE: February 18, 2009

RE: Qwest Request for Parking Space
February 25, 2009, Legal and Finance Committee Agenda

At the request of the Legal and Finance Committee, Police Chief Steve Allender and I met with Mr. Fred Petrasek of Qwest on Friday, February 13, 2009, to discuss Qwest's request for a free parking space in front of its building in the 700 block of Kansas City Street. During the meeting Mr. Petrasek explained that Qwest and other communication companies (Knology and Golden West were two that he mentioned) often need to load and unload equipment at the east end of the building. These companies also need frequent access to the manholes located in the sidewalk at the east end of the building. Mr. Petrasek indicated that the parking spaces on the north side of Kansas City Street are currently metered, but that they are very difficult to access them after 7am.

Mr. Petrasek believes that a loading zone located at the east end of the Qwest building will meet the needs of Qwest and other communications companies who need to frequently load and unload equipment. Therefore, Chief Allender and I recommend installing one 30-minute loading/unloading zone parking spot on the north side of Kansas City Street at the east end of the Qwest building. This loading/unloading space will not be for the exclusive use of Qwest but can be used by any member of the general public. Anyone using the loading zone will need to use the vehicle's flashers while parked in the loading/unloading zone.

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Chief Allender and I also mentioned the pending parking plan to Mr. Petrasek. Mr. Petrasek indicated he understood the possibility that a new parking plan may not include a loading zone. However, in the short term, Mr. Petrasek supports converting a single parking space on the north side of Kansas City Street at the east end of the Qwest building into a 30 minute loading zone. This is the recommendation of the Police Chief and the City Attorney.

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