

AMERICAN FORK CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 9, 2015

WORK SESSION

**ATTACHMENT**

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The American Fork City Council met in a work session on Thursday, July 9, 2015, in the American Fork City Offices, 51 East Main Street, commencing at 3:30 p.m. Those present included Mayor James H. Hadfield and Councilmembers Carlton Bowen, Jeff Shorter, and Clark Taylor. Councilmembers Brad Frost and Rob Shelton were excused.

Staff present: City Administrator Craig Whitehead  
City Engineer Andy Spencer  
City Planner Adam Olsen  
City Recorder Richard Colborn  
Finance Director Cathy Jensen  
Parks & Recreation Director Derric Rykert  
Police Chief Lance Call  
Public Relations/Economic Development Director Audra Sorensen

Also present: Mr. & Mrs. Armen Henry Jacobs, HOA President Jake Oldham, HOA Board Member Leon Sweat, and Allen Simpson

DISCUSSION ON THE CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL ‘PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY’ AREA ON THE WEST SIDE OF 900 EAST, FROM 50 SOUTH TO THE CURRENT DEAD END OF THE BLOCK, AND CREATING A 3-HOUR PARKING ZONE ON BAMBERGER – Dale Goodman

Andy Spencer explained that the problem was parking overflow from the Haymaker private-gated community development that has resulted in no visitor parking in front of residences and garbage not being picked up on 900 East Street. They had looked at how they could best address this issue and suggested a “Parking by Permit Only” situation similar to what was in place at the high school however this would be anytime.

Mayor Hadfield noted that it was interesting that they had an aerial photograph (See **ATTACHMENT**) that showed nobody parking in the parking spaces for the club house and pool to the east and west and one car in the other visitor parking.

Mr. Spencer added that on the south, Bamberger Drive, it was proposed to have a three-hour parking limit on both sides between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Mayor Hadfield asked the status of the Edwards Annexation that would continue 900 East Street.

Adam Olsen reported that it was currently on hold.

Mr. Spencer noted that there were two Ordinances in the packet; the Parking by Permit Only and the 3-hour parking on Bamberger.

Councilman Bowen asked how it was known that the parking was from the HOA persons.

Mrs. Jacob observed them coming and going.

HOA President Jake Oldham noted that every unit had two parking spots. He noted that his unit had 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, and was 4,000 square feet. A lot of units were families with high school kids. There were 80 units and if each had an additional car for a total of three that would mean that 40 cars had to park on the street.

Mayor Hadfield asked if the HOA had considered taking open space and converting it to parking.

HOA Board Member Leon Sweat reported that they came to the City about four or five years and were able to obtain an additional 12 parking spaces. At the time they received a letter from the City stating that no further modification of the plat would be required and they would not let them put in anymore parking spaces. They were told they had all they were going to get because of some liability clauses and environmental impacts.

Mayor Hadfield stated that Haymaker had density numbers based on open space.

Mr. Sweat expressed that they would like to have more parking spaces. The neighbors had a very legitimate complaint and that was not their idea of how it should work. They have told the HOA people that they were allowed 2 parking spaces and if they needed more they would have to find them.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were no parking in the cul-de-sac on the north.

Mr. Sweat responded that there were no spaces originally and they added four spaces as part of the 12 that were granted.

Councilman Bowen asked the process one would follow to get a parking permit.

Mr. Spencer answered the passes would be available at public works to the homeowners who would distribute them to their visitors.

Mayor Hadfield expressed that this was a horse of a different color from the high school situation and until 900 East and Bamberger went through it was a dead end and with cars parked on both sides it made it difficult to turn around. He asked what percentage of cars went out the north gate and what percentage of cars went out the south gate.

Mr. Oldham guessed that it was 40 percent to the north and 60 percent to the south.

Councilman Bowen commented that the parking permit zone was established by Ordinance so this would be an addition to that. He recognized there was a problem that should be addressed in

an appropriate way. His concern with parking by permit was that only the residents that lived there could get the permit and they were taking public parking space and making it accessible to only a few individuals.

Mayor Hadfield explained that it was a quality of life issue for those residents on the west side of 900 East.

Ms. Jacob noted that they had also had property damage to grass and sprinklers.

Councilman Bowen did not dispute that they had a legitimate concern that should be addressed but questioned the best way to address it.

Mr. Jacob thanked all for coming to this meeting. He was willing to do a 50-50 split with the permits. They wanted the trash to be picked up and mail delivered and he wanted to stop buying sprinkler heads.

Councilman Taylor stated that he understood the liability concerns expressed by Councilman Bowen but commented that it spoke to the quality of life. He would hate to have cars parked in front of his house all the time. He asked if they could put more parking in the first open area on the east after coming in from the north access. He refused to cater to the least common denominator. In his mind he felt this was the best solution.

Mr. Sweat reported that they tried to put extra parking there and was told that because of the utilities easement they could not put parking there.

Mayor Hadfield explained that there was a 30-inch sewer line that went through there. Do you dig up asphalt or do you dig up grass.

Mr. Spencer thought that was something they could revisit.

Mayor Hadfield thought it was a good option.

Councilman Bowen stated that the Mayor had pointed out in the aerial photo the vacant parking within the HOA community and yet there was on street parking on the outside. He wondered if they were parking out there because it was a gated community. He thought that was what was driving the behavior here.

Mr. Jacobs noted that during the day the street was pretty much vacant.

Mr. Oldham explained that they did have parking passes available to use inside the HOA that were good for 10 days.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Sorensen reported that she talked with both parties and they were willing to work together. With the parking permit, she felt everyone would be happy.

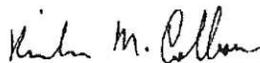
Police Chief Call added that from an enforcement standpoint this type of permit parking had been used up around LDS Hospital for over ten or eleven years and had never been challenged successfully. Sharing of permits put the police department in a tough spot because if there were cars that were inappropriately parked in a no parking area and they were cited, when they went to court they could say that their next door neighbor in Haymaker was allowed to park over their because somebody liked them and gave them a permit but they don't like me...that put the City in a bad situation. They had this around the high school for five or six years and it has worked out very well.

Councilman Bowen commented that in affect what was being done was taking public property, public space and saying it could only be used by certain private parties.

Mayor Hadfield asked if there were other questions of the Council or comments to the staff from the public. This would be on the agenda Tuesday night. He felt the issue would largely go away with the completion of 900 East but they did not have a timeline on that.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The work session adjourned at 3:59 p.m.



Richard M. Colborn  
City Recorder

