PAYMENT TO CWU FOR LIGHTING PROJECT

The City and CWU entered into an Agreement to change-out lighting in several campus buildings as part of the City’s efforts to reduce power consumption by 10%. The University has asked that the City expedite reimbursement for the project so they can receive payment as soon as the City receives the funds from the Bonneville Power Association (BPA).

Authorize a lighting reimbursement payment to CWU as soon as corresponding funds are received from BPA. Affirmed

COST OF SERVICE ANALYSIS – ELECTRIC, GAS & WATER UTILITIES

Staff and the Energy Advisory Committee recommend the City utilize a consultant to do a Cost of Service Analysis (COSA) for the Light, Gas and Water utilities as part of the 2002 rate setting process. A COSA determines the costs to serve each rate class and the various rate components. Having a COSA performed for all three utilities at the same time reduces the City’s costs compared to doing separate analyses at separate times.

Authorize Mayor to sign agreement with Economic and Engineering Services, Inc. to perform a Cost of Service Analysis for the Light, Gas and Water utilities. Affirmed

The purpose of the special session is to consider several requests for changes to the Residential Parking Zone made by individuals at recent Council meetings.

RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE (RPZ) REVIEW

Community Development Director Witkowski summarized the agenda report. Specific changes have been requested to the RPZ zone in the following areas:

• A change to 24-hour enforcement of the RPZ zone south of 8th Avenue from its current schedule of
6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

- Request for stiffer RPZ parking fines in part to deter repeat offenders.

- Removal of RPZ restrictions along the north side of 7th Avenue between Walnut and Sampson Streets to allow for some on street parking for students who live in Muzzall Hall.

Bill DeHollander, 610 N. Sampson, requested 24-hour RPZ enforcement on the south side of 7th Avenue if the City decides to surrender RPZ parking on the north side of 7th Avenue.

Torrey Wing, 1302 N. Alder, requested 24-hour enforcement in the RPZ area recently created on the east side of Alder Street south of 14th Avenue. This area is currently signed for twelve hour enforcement (6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). With construction of the new CWU Music Hall and the loss of more on campus parking spots, 24-hour enforcement of this zone will be needed. Even though enforcement would be a low priority for the Police Department, some benefit would come with 24-hour signing.

Lauren Larimer, 609 N. Sampson, complained of damage to his property by students who park in the RPZ near his residence along with the associated garbage they generate.

Jack Horsley, 608 N. Sampson, is troubled by the amount of garbage in his neighborhood which he attributes to CWU students residing in Courson and Muzzall Halls. He reviewed several photographs in the agenda packet that he had taken of his neighborhood showing RPZ parking and garbage problems. The loading and unloading signs on 7th Avenue are disappearing. He feels the garbage problem would disappear if students were not allowed to park in this area. He would like to see short term parking permits available at the CWU Kiosk for loading and unloading.

Code Enforcement Officer Gimlin reported the City removed the loading and unloading signs because this area is not a loading zone designated by City Code.

David Hoffman, CWU student, stated students are looking for a way to alleviate the parking problem for Muzzall Hall residents. Most of the residents are female and there are safety concerns associated with being forced to park blocks away from the residence hall. Although the University has a safe ride program, there is no regular route.

Angie Hall, neighborhood resident, stated there are parking problems with the residence halls; the current ticket fine is not a deterrent to the students.

Council discussed parking fines as well as the capabilities of the new ticketing system that will be coming on line in approximately June. Council expressed interest in increasing the parking fines.

Council consensus was that CWU needs to address the serious transportation needs of its students, especially safety and security issues in the evening.
Various options were discussed during the meeting including the following:

• Making all of Zone 2 24-hour RPZ parking

Making the south side of 7th Avenue 24-hour RPZ parking

Making the north side of 7th Avenue 24-hour RPZ parking

Make all of 7th Avenue a 24-hour RPZ

Remove the RPZ from the north side of 7th Avenue

Provide special RPZ permits for residents of Muzzall and Courson residence halls

Make the north side of 7th Avenue short term parking only

Make the north side of 7th Avenue short term parking by purchased permit only

Add a third RPZ for targeted areas, a 24-hour RPZ for this area and possibly other areas that may be impacted by the 24-hour RPZ

Consider angle parking on 7th Avenue

Consider angle parking on the north side of 7th Avenue only

Recommend CWU provide a shuttle service to outlying parking lots

Development of a progressive fine structure

Consider residents’ request to change 14th Avenue and Alder Street RPZ area to 24-hour enforcement

How to deal with trash, litter, congestion and associated behaviors

Have City Engineers look at implications and possibilities for angle parking on north side of 7th Avenue

Recommend CWU target students for residence in the dorms who would have less impact on the 7th Avenue area, i.e., no automobiles

Mark Anderson, Director of Public Relations and Marketing for CWU, reported on efforts by the University to educate the student population on being good neighbors and asked Council to table any decision on RPZ revisions to allow for continued dialogue between the City and University. The University’s public safety division has already started to address some of the litter and noise concerns, and some progress has been made in those areas. Council discussed having revisions ready for the RPZ renewal permit process beginning August 31, 2002.
Direct staff to draft amendment language to the RPZ ordinance adopting a progressive Sowards fine structure and increase the fines—starting with the initial fine.

In answer to Council inquiry, the Code does not specify a fine for selling an RPZ permit.

Vote on motion. Affirmed

Council discussed increasing fines for parking in disabled parking stalls without a permit as well as parking in fire lanes. One councilmember requested the issue of increasing overtime parking fines be referred to the Downtown Task Force and the Chamber of Commerce for comment. Council wants a policy covering the misuse of RPZ permits— including a monetary penalty for misuse.

ADJOURN Adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Barry

Affirmed

Mayor

ATTEST: City Clerk