

Meeting Date: 8/10/2010



Agenda Item # 8-B

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Type of Item:

Public Hearing

Resolution

Ordinance First Reading

Discussion & Action

Ordinance Second Reading

Council Approval

Subject: Park Drive One-Way Request

BACKGROUND:

Council Member Crippen received citizen concerns about traffic from residents on Park Drive. Residents reported to Mr. Crippen vehicles were using their street to avoid the traffic light at West Blue Springs and South Volusia Avenue. Residents along Park Drive and business owners adjacent to Park Drive were interviewed to address their concerns. The residents and businesses agreed Park Drive should be declared a one-way drive in a northerly direction.

Staff reviewed this request and information received from the residents and businesses. It appears the majority of traffic on Park Drive is created by two local schools and the business from the day care. This could not be confirmed because school is out for the summer but traffic was minimal when observed during the early morning hours. The Department of Transportation was contacted for assistance on light synchronization to allow more time for vehicles to turn north onto Volusia Avenue from West Blue Springs. D.O.T. responded the road is under a construction contract and road sensors are being replaced. They will be unable to assist in this project until the construction project is complete. They are trying to resolve University High School related traffic issues before school starts. We also asked D.O.T to consider a strategy to control the speed of traffic on Volusia Avenue. There is shrubbery obstructing the view near the day care center that will be cleared by the business and public works (right of way). Staff will also follow up with D.O.T. to request extended time for vehicles turning north from West Blue Springs onto South Volusia Avenue. The public works and fire department concurs with designating Park Drive as one-way.

We may have other streets within the city with similar situations. The use of Park Drive as an alternate route to avoid the traffic light at West Blue Springs and South Volusia may be impacted by changing the light pattern at South Volusia. North bound traffic requires additional time at the intersection to turn north causing traffic backup. The street is too narrow for a left turn lane and the traffic signal cannot be extended in length until construction is completed on Volusia. Even then, D.O.T. may refuse to extend the time because it may negatively impact the flow of traffic on Volusia. Changing Park Drive to one way may divert traffic to other neighborhood streets.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Actions: Take No Action
Park Drive One-Way South
Park Drive One-Way North

Staff Recommendation: Designate Park Drive One-Way North.

ATTACHMENTS: None

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Signage and hardware - \$204.00 and Staff labor for removal of shrubbery on right of way.

Reviewed by City Attorney _____
Reviewed by Finance Dept. _____
Reviewed by: _____

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