

REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
From the City Manager

October 13, 2003

Subject

Suspension of enforcement of maximum parking periods and meter rates in Parking Lot T North.

Recommendation

Pursuant to Redwood City Municipal Code Section 20.133, by motion, suspend enforcement of those sections of the Redwood City Municipal Code (Article VII, Chapter 20, Division 4—Parking Meters Generally) regulating parking in Parking Lot T as described below.

Background

Due to the clearance of the site of the Retail-Cinema Project, the local office of the Social Security Administration is being relocated to Winslow Street, south of Broadway. Currently, their employees have permits which allow them to park at 10-hour meters. However, there are no 10-hour meters close to their new location. In addition, the impending construction activities at the Retail-Cinema site will create parking and circulation inconveniences for employees and customers of other downtown businesses.

Section 20.133 of the Redwood City Municipal Code authorizes the temporary suspension of maximum parking periods and meter rates for "...celebration of holiday seasons and any other such activity or purpose as the City Council in its sole discretion shall determine."

It is now being proposed that the meters in Lot T North be bagged with a notice that indicates that parking is free for up to four hours—parking for longer than four hours would be prohibited and would result in a citation. The four hour limit would allow Social Security's clients to conduct their business, and would also be convenient for patrons of other downtown businesses. Social Security's employees would be issued new permits allowing them to park in Block T North for 10 hours.

This action would be put in place for one year, at which time it would be evaluated for renewal, if appropriate.

Alternative

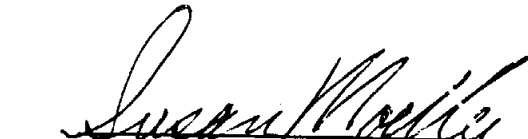
Do not suspend the parking enforcement for the specified periods.

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Fiscal Impact

Approximately \$4,000 to \$6,000 in revenue would be lost by this action. There will be an additional cost in parking enforcement.


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Attachments: Map of the Downtown area



Lot "T" North Employee & Customer Parking

