

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: AMES HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING ADDITIONAL REQUEST

BACKGROUND:

Ames High School has requested to hold its Homecoming Parade on Monday, September 27, 2010. At its meeting on September 14, the City Council approved the Committee's request to close the following from 5:30 to 7:30 on September 27, 2010:

- Pearle Avenue, Main Street, Fifth Street, and portions of Douglas and Clark Avenues
- City Parking Lot MM and the south half of Lot M for parade staging

Staff has learned that there will be a number of activities (Zumba classes in the Community Center and Central Iowa Symphony rehearsal in the Auditorium) occurring in City Hall between the hours of 5:30 and 8:00 p.m. that evening. In order to provide parking for those who would have normally been able to park in Lots MM or M, Staff is further asking the City Council to waive parking enforcement in Lot N, east of City Hall, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Access to that parking lot will be available from Clark via Sixth Street.

Since the vast majority of City Hall offices are closed at this time, Staff estimates that lost parking revenue from the meters in Lot N will be minimal (probably less than \$10).

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can approve the request to waive parking enforcement in Parking Lot N, east of City Hall, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27.
2. The City Council can deny this request.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

In order to facilitate parking for customers of Parks and Recreation activities occurring in City Hall prior to and during the parade, staff is requesting that the City Council allow as many of these customers as possible to park for free in Lot N. While this request will likely not accommodate all participants in the two above-listed activities, it will provide approximately 50 free parking spaces to offset those lost in Lots MM and M. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve Alternative No. 1, thereby waiving parking enforcement in Lot N from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 27.