

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-05

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN FLAGSTAFF MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the value and importance of the downtown area ("Downtown") of Flagstaff; and

WHEREAS, Downtown is presently a vibrant mix of retail shops, restaurants, art galleries, and professional services such as architects and attorneys with the Flagstaff City Hall and Coconino County Courthouse as anchors to the Historic Downtown on the west and east boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Downtown is a shared community resource and asset and there has been a long history of parking and management issues, most recently documented in the Chance Report in 1998 and it has been acknowledged that it is a problem that is difficult to solve; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Shopping District and the surrounding eight neighborhoods are interconnected and what happens in one area directly impacts the other; and

WHEREAS, a Downtown Parking Planning Team was assembled February 2006 that included City staff working with downtown business owners, with an advisory team of Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transit Authority (NAIPTA), Coconino County, Flagstaff Metropolitan Planning Organization (FMPO), City Court and the Flagstaff Police Department to develop an action plan of how to manage downtown including parking. This management plan has evolved from that team's recommendations as well as discussions with City Departments and City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Team identified a mission to improve parking options and parking turnover rates in the downtown district while integrating with the downtown community of employees, Flagstaff residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the objectives the Downtown Management Plan include the protection of the historic fabric of the downtown community; support of the downtown merchants to remain competitive with other local retail centers; creation of greater flexibility in downtown parking; planning for alternative modes of transportation; keeping the downtown area clean and safe; and promoting better coordination between downtown merchants, employers, property owners, residents, event organizers, City Hall and Coconino County offices; and

WHEREAS, there have been more than a dozen public meetings involving residents, property owners and retailers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Downtown Management Plan dated February 4, 2008 as the guiding document for the management of Downtown.

Section 2. That the City Council encourages the City Manager to establish an advisory committee that includes representatives from Downtown owners, merchants, employees, and neighborhood homeowners to provide input and guidance to city staff in staff's recommendations to the City Council in matters of interest to these groups.

Section 3. That the City Council commits to complete the construction of an employee parking lot and transit transfer station on Phoenix Avenue in cooperation with the Northern Arizona Intergovernmental Public Transportation Authority by late Summer 2008, weather permitting.

Section 4. That the City Council hereby directs staff to issue a Request for Proposal for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the historic Lumberyard at Phoenix and San Francisco including paid-public parking.

Section 5. That the City Council will consider an Ordinance creating a Residential Parking Permit Program in the Spring of 2008.

Section 6. That the City Council hereby directs staff to install 2 hour parking zones in neighborhoods adjacent to the Downtown as soon as possible but no later than 1 week prior to the activation of downtown meters.

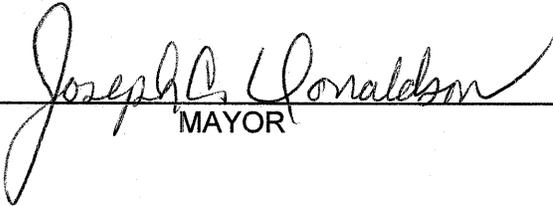
Section 7. That the City Council directs staff to retain a qualified parking consultant for up to \$75,000 to complete a Downtown Parking Garage Feasibility Study within the next six months.

Section 8. That the City Council hereby directs the City Manager or designee to facilitate conversations with NAIPTA, the Downtown Business Alliance, the City Manager's advisory committee and staff regarding alternative transportation options and incentives for employees.

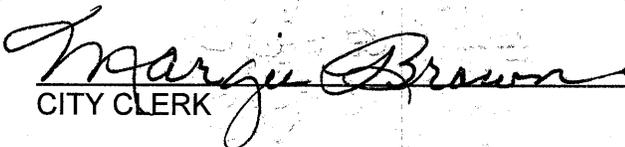
Section 9. That the City Council directs staff to work cooperatively with Coconino County to resolve employee and juror parking issues.

Section 10. That the City Council directs staff to, after completion of the Parking Garage Feasibility Study, identify opportunities (if warranted) to work in partnership with the public and private sector for the development of a parking garage(s).

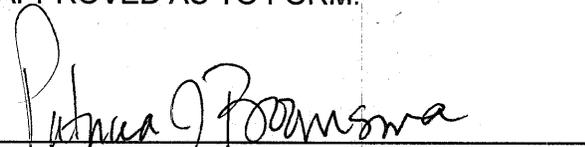
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor of the City of Flagstaff this 5th day of February, 2008.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY