



## CITY OF HOUSTON - CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 3/29/2022

District C, District D

Item Creation Date: 3/7/2022

ARA - Midtown Community Parking Program & Parking Benefit District

Agenda Item#: 12.

### **Summary:**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS, RELATING TO ON-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS INCLUDING CREATING A PARKING BENEFIT DISTRICT WITHIN MIDTOWN, DESIGNATING MIDTOWN AS A COMMUNITY PARKING PROGRAM AREA, AND UPDATING CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING THE COMMUNITY PARKING PROGRAM; CONTAINING FINDINGS AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FOREGOING SUBJECT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

### **Background:**

The Administration and Regulatory Affairs Department (ARA) recommends that the City Council approves an ordinance amending Chapter 26 of the Code (and related Chapters) as follows:

- Creating the Community Parking Program (CPP), which would authorize ARA to issue permits that exempts residents in designated areas from the on-street parking restrictions (meter and/or time limits) after 6 p.m. The CPP program will be deployed in mixed-use areas where multiple establishments rely on the curb space (residential, commercial, small businesses, museums, etc.)
- Creating the Midtown Parking Benefit District (PBD), which would allow the City to split net revenues generated after 6 p.m. and CPP permit revenue in the Midtown area. Revenue generated prior to 6 p.m. is not eligible for the share in order to keep the City whole for the current average meter revenue collected in the area. For revenue generated after 6 p.m. and CPP permit revenue, net revenues are shared 60% with the Parking Benefit District and 40% for the City in the ParkHouston special revenue fund. Shared revenues must be dedicated to infrastructure improvement projects with a citizen-led Advisory Committee and the Midtown Management District as the Project Manager.

Stakeholder engagement included multiple townhall meetings with the Management District and the Super Neighborhood stakeholders, and one 30-day public comment period that had 62% of respondents supporting the PBD and 60% of respondents supporting the CPP. The Midtown Management District has provided a letter of support. The permits will be effective 60 days after City Council approval.

The Midtown PBD and CPP were presented at the June 24, 2021 Transportation, Technology, and Infrastructure Committee meeting.

### **Fiscal Note**

There is no impact to the fiscal budget or no additional spending authority. Therefore, no Fiscal Note is required as stated in the Financial Policies.

### **Departmental Approval Authority:**

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**Other Authorization**

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