



City of McKinney News Release
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City Council passes resolution on short term parking strategies for downtown McKinney

City staff to begin implementation of recommendations that include surface parking, improved wayfinding and lighting

McKINNEY, Texas (April 21, 2016) – In February, City Council appointed 11 citizens to form the Downtown Parking Committee to discuss short term strategies as well as to prepare recommendations for long term strategies to address parking needs as downtown McKinney continues to grow. At Tuesday’s City Council meeting, City Council passed a resolution supporting the committee’s recommendations for short term strategies for downtown parking.

The recommendations by the citizen committee include the design and construction of surface parking on the First United Methodist Church lot on the southwest corner of Kentucky Street and Lamar Street, as well as at the old Wysong Hospital lot located immediately north of City Hall on the northeast corner of Tennessee Street and Hunt Street. The lot at First United Methodist Church will provide approximately 96 additional parking spaces and the Wysong Hospital lot will provide approximately 106 additional parking spaces.

The committee also recommended improving wayfinding in and around downtown by providing additional parking lot identification and directional signage. Part of the improvements will include re-numbering the downtown public parking lots in a uniform manner and improving lighting of parking lots and sidewalks where needed.

Following the passage of the resolution at Tuesday’s meeting, city staff will begin implementation of the short term parking recommendations. The Downtown Parking Committee will continue to meet on a regular basis to continue to address both short and long term parking needs in downtown.

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About McKinney

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. The city is #1 on the list of Best Places to Live in America, published by *Money Magazine*. McKinney has a current population of more than 162,000. Established in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers award-winning schools, a vibrant historic downtown, diverse housing options, a robust economy and a uniquely beautiful natural setting, with rolling hills and lush trees. Visit the city’s website at www.mckinneytexas.org.

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