



STAFF REPORT

SAUSALITO CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA TITLE:

Approval of Holiday Parking Meter Waiver

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Approve three hours of free parking at street parking meters downtown from December 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008 and designate that monies collected in the meters during that period be donated for charitable purposes pursuant to the City's holiday meter program

SUMMARY

It is the practice of the City of Sausalito to waive all or a portion of the parking fees for the holiday season. This year, staff is proposing to again waive meter charges for the month of December 2007 and New Year's Day in 2008 and asking citizens to donate money in the meters for charitable purposes.

ISSUES

In the past, the City waived all meter charges for the holiday season and encouraged patrons to donate money to the City's Humanitarian Grant. As of June 30, 2007, this grant accumulated \$27,438 (G/L account # 220-000-2390-030). The usage of this grant is to be directed by the City Council. The two new pay-per-space machines at Lot 2 can be programmed to waive the first 3 hours fees; however, the machines would not be able to accept any donation from patrons during the waiver period. Staff is recommending that a secured donation box be set up at the parking booth in Lot 1 to accept additional donation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Parking meter revenues that will be forgone for the month of December are expected to equal about \$25,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) Approve three hours of free parking at street parking meters downtown from December 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008 and designate that monies collected in the meters during that period be donated for charitable purposes pursuant to the City's holiday meter program

- (2) Authorize the set up of a secured donation box at parking booth in Lot

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ATTACHMENTS

None

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