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TO: Urbana City Council

FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director
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DATE: March 17, 2004

RE: Ordinances from Traffic Commission

Attached are three ordinances for your approval from action taken by the Traffic Commission.

The first ordinance (Schedule J) is for the removal of parking on the west side of Race Street south of Florida Avenue. This removal is an extension of the existing yellow curb by 67' to increase the transition taper from 10:1 to 19:1. This creates a safer environment for vehicles heading southbound on Race Street to move over from the curb lane to the center lane and pass parked vehicles. Residents were polled and no complaints were received.

The second ordinance (Loading Zone) is an amendment of the language regarding loading zones. The language was modified by including the loading and unloading of goods, supplies and deliveries as well as passengers. The previous language did not specifically indicate that anything but passengers could be loaded or unloaded. The amended language also deleted a specific time limit of fifteen minutes and created the ability to specify whatever length of time is needed to load and unload as determined by the Traffic Commission.

The third ordinance (Parking Meter Zone) is for establishment of a parking meter zone on the east side of Busey Avenue between University Avenue and the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. These meters are to be installed in an area that currently has head-in parking. The meters will be bagged for the next three years and rented to the Carle Hospital construction managers to use during the construction of the North Tower and Emergency room addition.

The Traffic Commission has considered these ordinances at its February, 2004 meeting and recommends that they be approved.

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