



City of Grand Forks  
Staff Report

City Council – Special Meeting – August 23, 2021

**APPROVED & ACCEPTED**  
by City Council  
*Maureen Storstad*  
08/23/2021  
Maureen Storstad  
City Auditor

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**Agenda Item: 2.4 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14 of City Code, Grand Forks Central Business District to include the Beacon into the Municipal Parking System (Downtown Parking Assessment Area).**

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**Prepared by:** Andrea Edwardson, Interim Deputy City Planner

**Submitted by:** Ryan Brooks, Interim City Planner

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**Staff Recommended Action:** Approval of the request from the Planning Department, on behalf of the City of Grand Forks, for approval of an ordinance to amend the text of Chapter XIV of the Grand Forks City Code of 1987, as amended, amending Section 14-0202 Parking Enactment, Subsection 1 Boundary Map, to modify the boundaries of the Municipal Parking System to include the Beacon Redevelopment site, lot 2, Block 2, Renewal Resubdivision No. 5 to the City of Grand Forks, ND located at 710 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N. Recommend the City Council give approval of the attached ordinance on August 2, 2021 and set a public hearing for August 16, 2021.

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**July 26, 2021 – Committee Recommended Action:**

Motion by Weigel, second by Dachtler to refer to City Council with a recommendation to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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**August 2, 2021 – Council Action:** Motion by Sande, second by Weber to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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**August 16, 2021 – Council Action (Public Hearing):**

**Public Hearing Held. Item moved to August 23<sup>rd</sup> Special City Council Meeting.**

Motion by Vein, second by Weber, to postpone action to a future special meeting with date to be determined. Motion carried unanimously.

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**August 23, 2021 – Council Action – Special Meeting:**

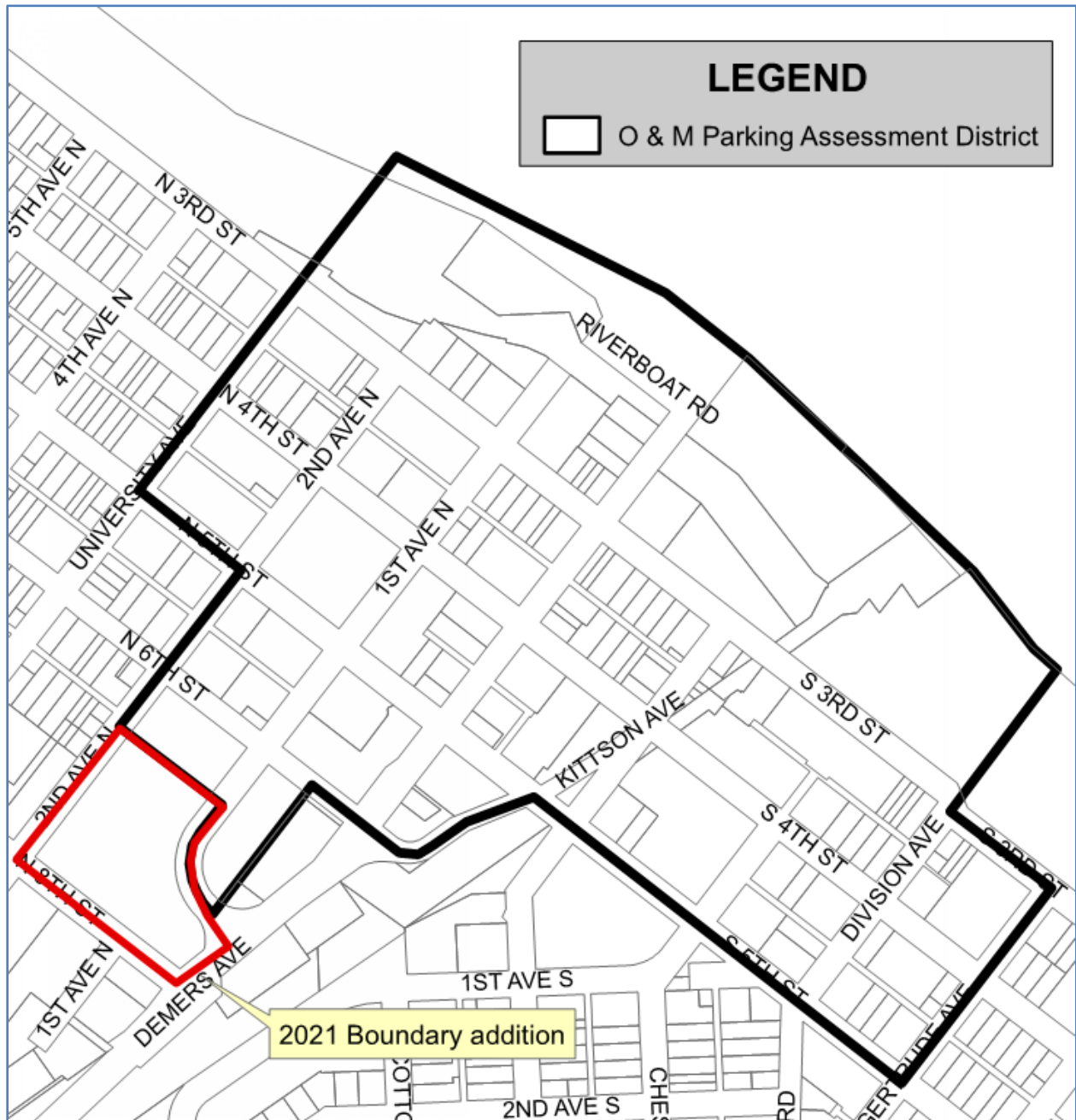
Motion by Weber, second by Weigel to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

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**BACKGROUND:** The Planning Department has been working with the developers of the Beacon since 2020. This work has included discussions on the design of the space on the former Townhouse Hotel site in downtown Grand Forks as well as the potential tax incentive that was previously approved by the City Council. The concept for the site has always been to have the project be developed in a similar way to a downtown project. Although the developers are providing parking on the site, we do not want them to be required to provide the same amount of off-street parking spaces as we would want in other areas of town. Event overflow parking for the public plaza will also utilize the

downtown parking ramps, which the parking district area is created to service. Staff is proposing that the site be included within the downtown parking assessment area.

The change is depict on the map below:



**ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS OF FACT:**

- Requires two actions by the City Council.

**SUPPORT MATERIALS:**

- Ordinance Change with Exhibit A

ORDINANCE NO. 4807

An ordinance amending section 14-0202 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to Parking in the Central Business District, Description of Assessment District, Exhibit A.

Be it hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, pursuant to its home rule charter of the City of Grand Forks, North Dakota, that:

Section 1. Amending Clause

Section 14-0202 of the Grand Forks City Code relating to parking in the Central Business District, description of assessment district, Exhibit A, is hereby amended to provide as follows:

Exhibit "A" referred to in Section 14-0202, Enactment, is hereby amended by substituting the revised map referred to as Exhibit A attached hereto.

Section 2. Effectivity

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval as provided by law.

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Brandon Bochenski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Maureen Storstad, City Auditor

Introduction and first reading: 08/02/2021  
Public Hearing: 08/16/2021  
Second Reading and final passage: 08/23/2021  
Approved: 08/23/2021  
Published: Not required by law.

