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FIRST IN COUNCIL
March 24, 2025

COUNCILLOR NOLAN
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WHEREAS: The City’s transportation program goals cover many areas and seek to address climate change through encouraging and enabling sustainable modes of travel, while also encouraging economic vitality and livability throughout the city, in neighborhoods and in commercial squares; and

WHEREAS: Since 2022 the City has engaged in discussions on how to best implement the Cycling Safety Ordinance to achieve the Vision Zero goals and support multimodal transportation and to be creative about supporting the businesses and the community concerned about parking reductions especially in business districts; and

WHEREAS: In [December 2024](#), the Parking and Transportation Demand Management (PTDM) [Ordinance](#), [Zoning Ordinance](#), and [Commercial Parking Space Permits Ordinance](#) were updated to make it easier for property owners along Flexible Parking Corridors to share parking spaces; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Street Safety Improvement Project is scheduled for continued implementation this spring, which will affect parking availability; and

WHEREAS: To achieve the goal of supporting the community, which led to the ordinance changes, it is essential that the Flexible Parking Commercial program be implemented and spots available for use; and

WHEREAS: The City is committed to optimizing underused parking and, by simplifying the process of sharing off-street parking along key corridors, can make the transition smoother for businesses and residents impacted by on-street parking changes; and

WHEREAS: The City completed the construction of the King Open/Cambridge Street Upper School complex in 2019 at a cost of \$130 million, which included the construction of an underground parking garage that is publicly owned, and not needed or used by city employees after hours and could provide a model for other property owners; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to work with the School Department, the Department of Public Works, and other relevant departments to open the publicly owned parking at the King Open/Cambridge Street Upper School Complex for either residential free parking or commercial parking opportunities during “off” hours; and further be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to report back to the City Council as soon as possible.