



City of Galveston

FLEET FACILITIES STAFF REPORT

January 12, 2018

Brian Maxwell, City Manager
Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

Subject: Consider for the approval allowing overnight parking and/or camping on Seawall Blvd., from February 2nd through February 4th, which is the first weekend of the 2018 Mardi Gras event.

I. Background

- A. Mardi Gras takes place from February 3rd through February 13th and draws around 250,000 spectators.
- B. The venues include the downtown area and also Seawall Blvd., and involves several parades.
- C. Two large Seawall parades are planned for the first weekend.
 - Aquarius Parade - 12:00 P.M.
 - Gambrinus Parade - 6:00 P.M.
- D. In the past, islanders and some out of town guests would park on Seawall Blvd. prior to the onset of the first weekend parades which involved overnight parking and at times, camping.
- E. Galveston has a no camping ordinance (Chapter 8, Section 8-6) which prohibits overnight camping from midnight to 5:00 A.M. on Seawall Blvd.
- F. The involved days are;
 - 1. February 2, 2018 - Friday
 - 2. February 3, 2018 - Saturday
 - 3. February 4, 2018 - Sunday

II. Current Situation

The City Council will have to approve allowing overnight parking and/or camping on Seawall Blvd., from February 2nd through February 4th, which is the first weekend of the 2018 Mardi Gras.

III. Alternatives in order of priority

- A. City Council approves the request.





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1. Cost - no cost to the city
2. Timing - needed prior to the 2018 event
3. Divisional Improvements - N/A

B. City Council does not approve the request.

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IV. Recommendation

Concur in Alternative A and approve allowing overnight parking and/or camping on Seawall Blvd., from February 2nd, through February 4th, which is the first weekend of the 2018 Mardi Gras.

V. Fiscal Impact Report

Requested by David Smith
Executive Director

Funding Source N/A

Savings Estimation N/A

VI. Environmental Impact

N/A

Respectfully Submitted,

David Smith
Executive Director

