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MOTION

The City's Special Events Ordinance has been in effect since October 26, 2009. It has become apparent that the Ordinance does not include provisions to enable City departments to respond quickly and efficiently to a single City service request, such as a lane closure or a posting of restricted parking. In addition to off-street construction and filming, which require special provisions for reserved parking, there are a number of events that occur citywide where only the curb lane is closed and/or no parking is posted. This is particularly true for organized food truck events, which have become very popular in the City.

During food truck events, the roadway remains open for through traffic and the food trucks park in curbside parking spaces. One example is the Granada Hills Food Truck event that occurs every Friday night between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. where about 30 food trucks gather along Chatsworth Street between White Oak and Zelzah Avenues. The need to secure parking spaces for the food truck has led to operators using "scout vehicles" to park in the on-street parking spaces many hours prior to the food truck event. This practice has deprived the general public and customers of surrounding businesses of the use of on-street parking. Unfortunately, the City's inability to effectively regulate parking for food truck events is creating issues among food truck vendors, local business and the communities where the events take place.

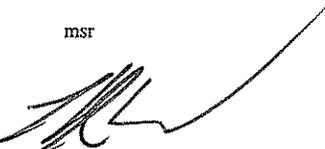
To address this situation, the existing Special Events Ordinance could be revised to allow for the issuance of permits to provide for the posting of restricted parking where a street closure is not required. The Department of Transportation could post parking allowances similar to those used citywide at Farmers' Markets. These postings could be permanently installed to allow parking of oversized vehicles for certain days at specified times. This would eliminate the need for any scout vehicles to reserve parking on the days of the events, and result in additional parking opportunities for the adjacent businesses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council authorize a special events pilot program for the weekly Granada Hills Food Truck event that would allow the Granada Hills Chamber of Commerce to obtain on-street parking permits for the food trucks during the event and authorize Department of Transportation to post restricted on-street parking signs that read "Parking By Permit Only Between 5:00 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Fridays."

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