

January 23, 2003

Honorable Mayor and Members of
the Hermosa Beach City Council

Regular Meeting of
January 28, 2002

ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE PARKING PROGRAM

Recommendation:

That the City Council determine whether or not it wishes to consider free parking on streets for zero emission vehicles and provide direction to staff.

Background:

I have attached a report from the Police Chief concerning the status of the Zero Emission Parking Program in other cities. These programs are relatively small and not particularly costly to implement.

If the City Council would like to implement such a program, staff should be directed to report back with an outline of the program and an implementation schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Burrell
City Manager

HERMOSA BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Tuesday, January 21, 2003

TO: Stephen Burrell, City Manager

FROM: Michael Lavin, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Report on Zero Emission Vehicle Parking Programs

During the month of December 2002, our administrative investigator Glen Maples contacted the cities of Long Beach and Santa Monica regarding any programs that they offer providing free parking for alternative fuel vehicles.

The City of Long Beach was contacted and they currently do not have any programs offering preferential parking for alternative fuel vehicles. The City of Santa Monica was contacted and they are conducting an informal 1 year pilot program in which they offer alternative fuel vehicles free parking at parking meters for up to two (2) hours.

Thereafter, the vehicle owner would have to deposit money in the meter. This program has been in effect since March or April of 2002. There is nothing in writing about the program. Santa Monica also requires that the owner of such a vehicle obtain a "Clean Air Sticker/Decal" from the DMV issued in accordance with section 5205.5 of the Vehicle Code. This sticker/decal also allows certain low emission vehicles to travel in the car-pool lane on California freeways even if there is only one occupant in the car.