

Parking permit plan for 2011 approved

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Manitou Springs City Council approved Tuesday a parking permit program for next year.

Permits will be available at the following lots.

- Canon Avenue and Wichita lots: Forty-five seasonal permits at the

Canon Avenue lot and 85 permits at the Wichita lot, valid from January through April and October through December, will be sold for \$105 each. The same numbers of evening permits at each lot, valid all year from 4 p.m. to 10 a.m. daily, will be sold for \$30. Discounted Smart Cards will be available to permit holders and Metro District Members.

- Smischny lot:

Sixty-three year-round permits will be sold for \$75 each, and 42 evening permits will be sold for \$30 each.

- Prospect lot:

Sixty year-round permits will be sold for \$60 each.

Also Tuesday, Council...

- Approved new fee reduction and waiver and event sponsorship policies. Nonprofit organizations can qualify for a 50 percent reduction of facility permit fees, and any individual or organization can qualify for fee reductions or waivers if there are contributions of goods, services or programs that benefit the city or its residents. Fee reduction requests must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to an event. The event sponsorship policy spells out what projects are and are not eligible for sponsorship of a maximum of \$1,500 or 50 percent of costs to the city, whichever is less. Events must raise Manitou's profile and create opportunities for local businesses. Copies of the policies and applications are available at City Hall.

- Reviewed a draft of a five-year capital improvements plan and held a public hearing at which citizens could request improvements. No one came forward to do so, however.

- Postponed action on the Carnivale Parade's application for \$1,500 in sponsorship until Dec. 14 because the new policy excludes organizations that are unincorporated. Applicant Jack Elder was asked to reapply under auspices of the Business Improvement District or obtain a tax ID number.

- Accepted a \$2,000 check from Ron Ilgen, vice president of the Triple Crown of Running, for the Iron Mountain acquisition. Ilgen said the donation was in appreciation for the city's support of the races and that the organization also is donating \$2,000 to the Manitou Springs Volunteer Fire Department.

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