

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 20, 1986

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LETTER RECEIVED FROM
EDWARD GIBBONS, OWNER
OF H & R BLOCK
REQUESTING PARKING
PERMIT ALLOCATION
IN THE DOWNTOWN
AREA

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Council referred to Staff and to the Lodi Downtown Business Association a letter received from Mr. Edward S. Gibbons, owner, H & R Block, withdrawing his previous request and asking that they be allowed to have 15 to 20 permits for the Sacramento Street parking lot for the period of January 1 through April 15.

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8 West Pine Street
Lodi, Ca. 95240
August 18, 1986

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Mayor Reid and City Council:

This letter is in reference to our previous correspondence about the permit parking situation as covered in the last Council meeting.

As requested, we attended (although we are not members) the Downtown Merchants barbecue on Tuesday night at Lodi Lake. Our proposal was voted down by the general membership - no alternative solutions were suggested.

We also contacted the President of the Chamber of Commerce, where we have been members for twenty years, and no alternatives were offered.

As my previous letter stated, we presented our problem, offered a possible solution, and requested any alternative solutions. As none were offered and ours was turned down, we are back to "Square One".

We will cooperate in all ways possible, but just for the record and hopefully to avoid any problems with neighboring businesses or meter maids, we would like to re-state the following. During the last four months of the year, if people come from our office between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM and move their cars from one two-hour spot to another, they are customers (students) not employees. Our employees will have permits.

We still will have the problem, during tax season - of the safety and well-being of our employees who work after dark till all hours of the night. If they feel threatened by walking alone across town to Church Street parking lots, or to the Sacramento Street lot, they will in many cases want to move their cars to a safer area closer to the office after 4:00 PM. This, of course, creates more problems for our customers' parking than for those businesses that close at 5:00 PM or 6:00 PM.

Our hope is to still use the Sacramento Street parking lot as it is the one closest to our office. Also, because of "safety in numbers" the late working employees could leave together for one lot rather than to different parts of town. They could also watch out for each other when they leave at different times and from the Sacramento-Pine Street corner could see if the other one got started and away from the lot all right.

Per all of the above, we would like to withdraw our previous request and ask you to consider the following thoughts, which would allow us to maximize our cooperation with the new system.

It is paramount, of course, that we have fifteen to twenty permits for the period January 1 through April 15. We know these are on a first come-first served basis, but without the permits you can see the problems that will result.

To: Mayor Reid and City Council

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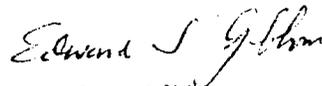
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Second in importance is police protection for the Sacramento Street parking lot. Mr. Gar Wright has been in contact with both the City Attorney and the Chief of Police as to what can be done so that the patrol cars can go into the parking lot and take whatever steps are required to alleviate the problems mentioned in his previous letter. We would appreciate anything the Council can do to expedite this.

We wish to thank you for your consideration of our problems and would also appreciate being advised when the parking situation comes up for review. We don't particularly like the idea of paying for three months parking for the first fifteen days of April, but that will still be \$600 or so less than our original offer to the city. We will consider that to be the bright side of the problem and we will do all that we can to help in the re-alignment of the present parking spaces. As we all know, the only real solution to the problem is the establishment of additional spaces which undoubtedly means the S.P. lot between Pine Street and Oak Street.

Sincerely,

H & R BLOCK



Edward S. Gibbons
Owner

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to call this office.

Very truly yours,


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