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MOTION

The Whitnall Dog Park, like many pocket parks and other park properties without a Recreation Center, currently lacks daily on-site staff to perform certain operational functions, including opening and closing the parking lot gate. As a result, the parking lot generally remains accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, which presents challenges for the ongoing management and maintenance of the facility. Vehicles remaining in the parking lot for extended periods, including abandoned vehicles and recreational vehicles, can limit parking availability for park visitors, increase maintenance needs, and create operational and public safety concerns. Establishing a system to manage parking lot access in alignment with posted park hours could help preserve access for park users, support the maintenance of park facilities, and improve the overall use and management of the property.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), with assistance from the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report back within 60 days with a plan to establish a pilot program at Whitnall Dog Park to convert the existing parking lot gate to an automatic, timed gate system that opens and closes in alignment with posted park hours. The report should evaluate the following components of the pilot program:

1. Options for automated gate installation;
2. Cost estimates;
3. Funding sources;
4. Ongoing maintenance and operational needs

I FURTHER MOVE that the report include recommendations for metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program, including changes in the frequency of vehicles remaining in the parking lot for extended periods, improvements in parking availability and turnover, and the overall accessibility, maintenance, and safety of the park. The findings should inform whether other parks facing comparable operational and parking management challenges should consider similar automated gate systems.

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