

CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Consider Resolution Removing Parking - 1) Charles Avenue between S Minnesota Street and S Hill Street; 2) Portions of South Minnesota Street, South Hill Street, and South Whitney Street.
Background Information:	<p><u>Charles Avenue:</u> City staff is proposing to remove parking on both sides of the street on Charles Avenue between South Minnesota Street and South Hill Street.</p> <p>At times, there can be significant on-street parking on this block due to its proximity to the Avera campus. Each direction of traffic is separated by a center median. Therefore, each travel lane becomes quite narrow when a car is parked on the block. Beyond the impacts to the traveling public, this narrowing effect of the roadway can be especially difficult for City maintenance equipment to navigate.</p> <p>Avera has recently paved the nearby parking lot north of Charles Avenue and bounded by College Drive and Bruce Street. With this additional paved parking area there should be enough parking space for the Avera staff and public to park off street while visiting the Avera campus. City staff has discussed this proposal with Kevin Schroeder of Avera, and we do have his support and understanding with this request.</p> <p>The two residential property owners on the north side of Charles Avenue were notified by mail of the pending removal of parking. One of the property owners has reached out via e-mail to express their desire to keep parking on the north side of Charles Avenue in front of their house. It should be noted to the Council that each property owner has allowable on-street parking on the other side of their properties.</p> <p>This item was presented to the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee on 11/22/2021 with a recommendation to City Council for approval.</p> <p><u>South Minnesota Street, South Hill Street, and South Whitney Street:</u> City staff is proposing to remove parking on both sides of South Minnesota Street, South Hill Street, and South Whitney Street in the locations identified below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S. Minnesota Street: from E. College Drive to a point approximately 70-FT south of E. College Drive. - S. Hill Street: from E. College Drive to a point approximately 75-FT south of E. College Drive. - S. Whitney Street: from E. College Drive to a point approximately 100-FT south of E. College Drive. - All measurements are from the southern limits of MnDOT right of way for E. College Drive.

	<p>The purpose of removing parking on these streets near MnDOT right of way is to eliminate City staff concerns will navigability of snow removal equipment in the winter, obstruction to general traffic flow on and off E. College Drive, and future alterations of these roadways that is proposed for the 2025 College Drive Reconstruction project that would likely require parking to be removed at that point in time. Included in the packet are 2025 College Drive layouts that show the changes that will be proposed.</p> <p>This item was presented to the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee on 11/22/2021 with a recommendation to City Council for approval. Per the direction of the Committee, letters were sent to affected property owners/tenants regarding these parking revisions.</p> <p>City staff has received comment from one property owner that is opposed to the removal of parking on Hill Street. The property owner owns a corner rental. It should be noted to the Council that parking is not allowed by State Statutes within 20-FT of a crosswalk or 30-FT of a stop sign.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendation:	that the Council adopt RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-117, which is the “Resolution Providing for Signage in the City of Marshall” for removal of parking on Charles Avenue between South Minnesota Street and South Hill Street and the removal of parking along portions of South Minnesota Street, South Hill Street, and South Whitney Street.as shown on the attached map.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 21-117
RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SIGNAGE
IN THE CITY OF MARSHALL

WHEREAS, City Code Sec. 74-26 provides for traffic control devices and markings; and,

WHEREAS, Sec. 74-26 of the City Code states:

“No device, sign or signal shall be erected or maintained for traffic or parking control unless the council shall first have approved and directed the same, except as otherwise provided in this section;”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARSHALL, MINNESOTA, that the Public Works Department cause the removal of parking via the installation of “No Parking” signs as designated below and shown on the attached map:

- 1) Charles Avenue (both sides): between South Minnesota Street and South Hill Street
- 2) South Minnesota Street(both sides): from E. College Drive to a point approximately 70-FT south of E. College Drive
- 3) South Hill Street (both sides): from E. College Drive to a point approximately 75-FT south of E. College Drive
- 4) South Whitney Street (both sides): from E. College Drive to a point approximately 100-FT south of E. College Drive

Passed and adopted by the Common Council this 14th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor of the City of Marshall, MN

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