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MEMO

TO: Mayor McFarland and Committee Members
FROM: Jaynellen J. Holloway, P.E.
DATE: June 21, 2022
RE: Finance Committee Agenda Narrative for June 27, 2022

Agenda Items:

- Review and take possible action: One side parking on E. Main Street between Market – Irene
- Update: Street Superintendent resignation and interim program

BACKGROUND

Review and take possible action: One side parking on E. Main Street between Market – Irene:

To prepare the Financial Agreement with WisDOT for the project east of Market Street (3050-04-70) the parking area needs to be clarified. Currently the street width does not provide enough room for parking on both sides of the street. To provide parking on one side of the street, the new centerline could be shifted two feet to provide more room on the side of the street with parking. An estimated cost for parking on one side of the street is \$150,000. Would the city like to provide parking on one side of the street, or should this segment be marked as No Parking, or should the street be widened and provide parking on both sides of the street which would cost the City an additional \$150,000? Once discussed Engineering will respond back to WisDOT. It should be noted that this item was presented to Public Safety & Welfare Committee (PS&W) at their May 4th meeting. That Committee made the recommendation to only provide parking on the north side of the street based on one resident's comments of current parking patterns and based on cost to the City. Resident letters were mailed out to all property owners along this segment of Main Street, but only one resident attended the PS&W Committee meeting. Since Public Works Commission is involved in Engineering standards of the City's streets, Engineering wanted to also bring this item before this body for discussion and determination. This was done on June 14, 2022. Public Works Commission approved keeping parking on both sides of the street as it is now and to approve the additional \$150,000 to provide parking on the other side of the street. Public Works believed the widened street would provide more safety for the traveling public and the additional \$150,000 was a small additional cost compared to the total project costs. The only unanswered question they had was how much wider would the street have to be made to accommodate the other lane of parking? Engineering has reached out to the State to have this question answered. If the answer is received prior to the meeting, we will present the answer. Public Works asked Engineering to forward this item onto Finance for their review and approval.

Update: Street Superintendent resignation and interim program:

FYI. Street Superintendent, Dan Zuelsdorf, resigned Thursday, June 23, 2022. His last day will be Friday, July 1st. I am working with Streets/Solid Waste on a transition plan.

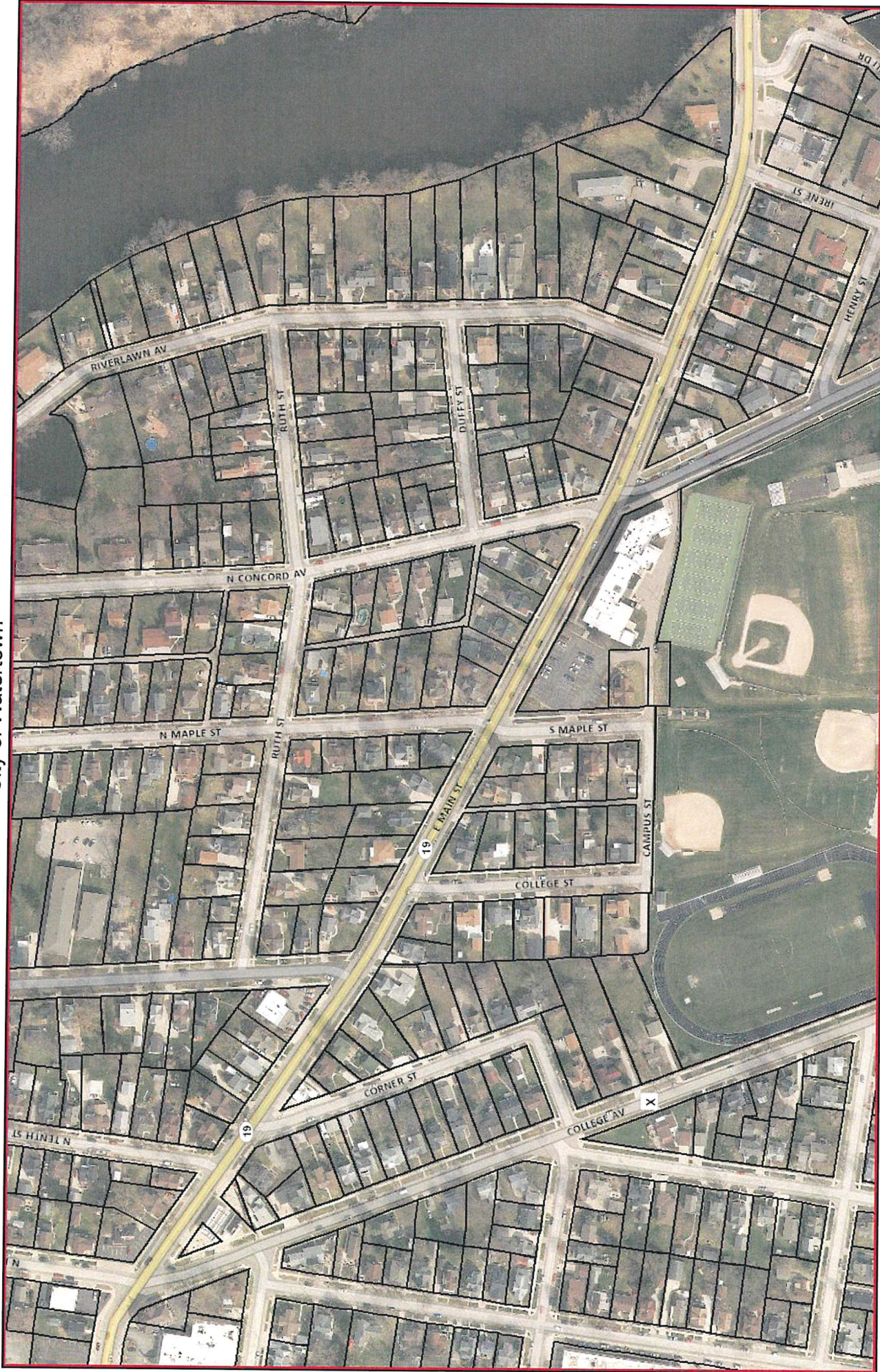
Attachments:

Review and take possible action: One side parking on E. Main Street between Market – Irene:

- Site Map
- Public Safety Minutes of May 4th

9. Review and take possible action on maintaining one-sided parking on E. Main Street between Market and Irene Streets: The City is in the process of preparing a Financial Agreement with the WisDOT for a major street project on E. Main Street. The city's wish for the area parking needs to be clarified. Currently there is parking on both sides of the street but the more stringent parking standards of the WisDOT will not allow that without widening the street. The City will be responsible for the cost of the parking improvements. The cost for maintaining one-side parking will be \$150,000 and for both sides it would be \$300,000. Currently, parking on the north side of Main Street is extensively used but rarely so on the south side. All area property owners were contacted about the matter but only one person appeared. A motion was made by Alderperson Smith, seconded by Alderperson Davis, to recommend maintaining parking only on the north side of the street. ACTION: The motion was unanimously approved and Engineering will respond back to WisDOT with this recommendation.

- Public Works Minutes of June 14th – not available as of publication



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