

MEMO

TO: Chairperson Davis and Committee Members
FROM: Andrew M. Beyer, P.E., Director of Public Works/City Engineer
DATE: July 30, 2024
RE: Public Safety & Welfare Committee Meeting of August 7, 2024

Agenda Item: Review and take possible action: Milford Street on-street parking at Grinwald Park

Background:

The Engineering Division received a request to research the background of how and when vehicle parking was removed from the west side of Milford Street for the length of Grinwald Park, §500-9 Parking Prohibited in Specific Places, A. The park has a lot of activity centering around soccer games and there is currently at times insufficient parking to accommodate players, soccer attendees, and visitors. Additionally, with on-street parking prohibited on the west side of the street adjacent to the park, park-goers need to cross Milford Street if legal on-street parking options on the east side of Milford Street are utilized.

Engineering was able to find meeting minutes from the Public Safety & Welfare Committee's May 25, 1988, meeting where they approved and moved forward to Common Council a request to remove parking on the westside of the Milford Street for the length of the then, Milford Street Park. Attached are the meeting minutes and the ordinance that followed in June of 1988.

It should be noted that due to a generous land donation from Donald and Nerina Grinwald back in 1992, their land donation was added on to the existing Milford Street Park, and the joined parcels became Grinwald Park. See attached resolution.

It should also be noted that back when this parking prohibited ordinance was passed the street width of Milford Street was 24 feet. The street was improved and widened in 2013 to 35 feet, making it an allowable width to accommodate parking on both sides of the street.

A site map and draft ordinance are attached for your use.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Site Map
- 1988 PS&W Committee Minutes and Resolution
- 1992 Grinwald Land Donation Resolution
- Draft Ordinance