



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: September 5, 2023

Agenda Item: Elizabeth Street

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Representatives have been asked to attend the Council meeting to answer questions from the Council.

Representatives from the Whitewater School District reached out to staff about the possibility of painting crosswalks on Elizabeth Street at Laurel Street and Court Street. The intention would be to provide a designated area for students to cross Elizabeth. The issue with adding crosswalks at these locations is that there is no sidewalk on the west side of Elizabeth Street. At a minimum, staff believes there should be a landing area, if a crosswalk was painted. An alternative suggested by staff is to install “No Stopping, Standing or Parking” signs at each curb ramp location. The signs at each location would encompass the area of the curb ramp and include the area occupied by existing hydrants. This would provide a larger area for students to better see approaching vehicles and vice versa when students cross at these intersections. The Police Department was consulted on the additional signage and are in favor of it.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

The Public Works Committee met on August 8, 2023 and recommended the No Stopping Standing Parking signs be installed to replace the existing No Parking signs currently in front of the Middle School Property. Additionally, the Committee recommended the area south of the Middle School property to Walworth Avenue on the east side of Elizabeth be signed for No Stopping Standing Parking.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The cost to install additional signs would be minimal and completed by staff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reached out to the School District, Police Department and sent letters to the four affected residents. Representatives may appear in person at the Council meeting or send comments to staff. Any comments received will be read aloud and into the record. Staff has no concerns with changing the signage in front of the Middle School to No Stopping Standing Parking as this area already is signed for No Parking. Staff does have some reservations about removing parking entirely, year round, especially when school is not in session, where parking currently exists.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Ordinance Amending 11.16.150