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Resolution to Remove Parking on One Side of Baldwin

In November of 2009, a concern was brought to our attention by the Baldwin Avenue residents regarding the inadequate width of the street with on-street parking occurring on both sides. Upon inspection of the roadway a width of 23'-24' is available. This would provide for a 9-10 feet travel way if 7 feet of parking was occupied on each side of the street. This width is inadequate for two way traffic and is a concern for emergency vehicle access. Allowing parking on one side only would provide for a minimum 16 foot travel way; an acceptable width for a residential street.

Staff proposed the removal of parking on one side of the street and felt the west side would have the least impact. To assess the neighborhood opinion on the matter a resident survey was prepared.

Staff surveyed the residents in the project area to learn about the residents' preference on the proposed parking removal. The survey postcards asked if the residents were in support of removal of the west side parking or favored removal on the east side.

The survey cards were mailed to the affected residents on Baldwin Avenue. The following table summarizes the survey results regarding the parking removal preference.

Mailed	Responded	Westside	Eastside	Both	Neither
12	10	6*	2	1	1

^{*}While "west side" was checked, comments indicate preferences for choices such as both and neither.

Residents' comments were summarized as shown on "Attachment A" and elaborate on their choice, at times conflicting with their check mark on the postcard.

On a block by block basis removal of parking on the east side was preferred on the block between Shadford and Morton. Removal of parking on the west side prevailed on all other blocks. The staff proposal for parking supports removal of parking on the east side of Baldwin from Shadford to Morton and removes parking on the west side from Morton to Granger.

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Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

Whereas, The width of Baldwin Avenue does not facilitate parking on both sides with adequate access;

Whereas, Staff has reviewed the location and recommends parking be removed on one side of the street; and

Whereas, The survey given by Project Management staff to the residents shows a majority of residents are in favor of removing parking on the west side of the street for two blocks and the east

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side for one block;

RESOLVED, That Council approve the signing of Baldwin Avenue to prohibit parking on one side as described on the attached traffic control order; and

RESOLVED, The Council authorizes the Administrator to take appropriate action to implement this resolution.