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| Committee: Plan Commission | Date: 9/11/2019 |
| Common Council Item Number: ID#19-1222 | Date: 9/11/2019 |
| Submitted By: Maria Pandazi, City Planner | City Administrator Approval: Kevin Lahner, City Administrator |
| Finance Department Review: Rich Abbott, Finance Director RA | City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney |
| Subject: Plan Commission Resolution – Review and take action on a Plan Commission resolution stating support for the two-way conversion of North Street and St. Paul Avenue. | |

Details:
 Conversion of downtown streets to two-way (and removal of the Springhouse at the Five Points) was a major goal of the 1998 Downtown/Central Comprehensive Master Plan. The plan realized that the confusion with the 1-way streets and springhouse were keeping people from visiting Downtown. Since the adoption of that plan the City has successfully converted several downtown streets from 1-way to 2-way which has made downtown easier to navigate, reduced confusion, and improved business visibility.

While most streets have been converted, North Street and St. Paul Avenue, northeast of Barstow remain one-way. In 2012 the Common Council adopted the Central City Master Plan. One of the elements of that plan was conversion of these two streets into two-way streets. The goal was to create an easy-to navigate sequence from Interstate 94 to Downtown Waukesha and to make it into a true gateway. More specially the plan stated as a goal "Reconfigure St. Paul Avenue and North Street as two-way streets to create a crossover that allows St. Paul to become the main route that comes into Downtown."

The north side of the river is attracting significant developer interest, including the recently approved Reserve at Waukesha mixed use development and the redevelopment of the former strip mall across from City Hall. With these and other potential redevelopment opportunities staff feels this is the time to convert these key arterial streets into two-way streets.

Options & Alternatives:

Financial Remarks:



Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Plan Commission approve the resolution supporting the conversion of St. Paul Avenue and North Street to two-way.