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Committee: Board of Public Works	Date: 5/18/2023
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Submitted By: Alex Damien, Director of Public Works	City Administrator Approval: Gina Kozlik, Interim City Administrator
Finance Department Review: Joseph P. Ciurro, Finance Director	City Attorney's Office Review: Brian Running, City Attorney
Subject: Review and act on the recommended update to the City of Waukesha Sidewalk Repair Policy.	

Details:

On July 7, 2022, Alderman Cory Payne made a referral to the Board of Public Works to review the practice of accessing condemned sidewalk replacement costs to the adjacent property owners, and Department of Public Works staff completed a full study of this policy by early September of 2022. The recommendation of this in-depth study was to make a policy change in concurrence with Ald. Payne's referral which transfers the cost of condemned sidewalk replacement from the abutting property owner to the City. The study also recommended a City Ordinance change as well as an update to the existing City of Waukesha Sidewalk Repair Policy to fully establish this change. The study was recommended for approval at the Board of Public Works on September 8, 2022 and received final approval at Common Council on September 20, 2022.

The attached Sidewalk Repair Policy revision includes additional language regarding the City's annual sidewalk maintenance program, and reference to the proposed creation of sidewalk ordinance 6.115. The proposed revisions provide a clear established program for the replacement of sidewalk in conjunction with recent policy and ordinance changes.

Options & Alternatives:

Alternate option would be to leave the current sidewalk repair policy as-is (dated February 28, 1991) and continue to evaluate the need to repair existing sidewalk based on this policy.

Financial Remarks:

None.

Executive Recommendation:

Recommend approval of the revised Sidewalk Repair Policy pending final approval of Sidewalk Ordinance 6.115.