

# Council Agenda Item 26-0601R



**MEETING DATE:** June 29, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO REQUEST AND ACCEPT FROM ST. LOUIS COUNTY, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, CERTAIN TAX FORFEITED LAND IN THE CHESTER PARK-UMD NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE USED FOR ROAD PURPOSES.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** This resolution is to authorize the request of and accept portions of two tax-forfeited parcels (the "Parcels") from St. Louis County, on behalf of the State of Minnesota, to be used for road purposes. The Parcels are legally described on the attached Exhibit 1.

A portion of St. Marie St. flows through the Parcels and the City has a valid easement for this portion of St. Marie St. The City will be completing a reconstruction of St. Marie St. between Woodland Avenue and Vermilion Road, which includes replacement of the existing watermain and driveway aprons, upgrades to the stormwater system, and construction of a shared use trail (the "Project"). The Project will widen the right-of-way for St. Marie St. through the Parcels, so the City needs to acquire the Parcels in order to complete the Project.

The Parcels are approximately outlined in red on the map attached as Exhibit 2.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** The acquisition of the Parcel will be a free conveyance under Minn. Stat. § 282.01, Subd. 1a(e)(1). The City will be responsible for paying the state's administrative costs, recording fees and deed tax associated with the transaction, which are estimated to be between \$750-1,000; payable from Fund 411-035-5530-PI2023-2166.

**OPTIONS:** Authorize the acquisition of the Parcels or the City will be unable to complete the Project

**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve resolution

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit 1, Legal Description; Exhibit 2, Map

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