TO: Mayor Kooiker and City Council Members

FROM: Don Hedrick, RCPD Lieutenant

DATE: 4/11/14

SUBJECT: Long Term Parking Downtown

Recently a meeting was pulled together by Dan Senftner of Destination Rapid City in regards to the need for additional long term parking spaces downtown. Various other members of the City of Rapid City were also in attendance to include: Alderman Brad Estes, Pauline Sumption, Rich Sagen, Terry Wolterstorff, Rod Johnson, the Parking Enforcement Team, and myself. At this time the City of Rapid City does not have a great amount of spaces for people to park for extended periods.

The south side of the 400 block of St. Joseph St. was identified as a location for long term meters that would not affect businesses in the surrounding area. Currently, these spots are not used very often and the nearby business (Hardee’s) has their own parking lot. The City has 17 meters in storage so an additional purchase would not need to be made at this time.

Having 17 parking spaces designated as metered, “long-term,” ten hour spaces would allow visitors, downtown employees, and customers to park for extended periods while conducting business downtown. This location is within walking distance of the downtown area and it would take pressure off of other parking spaces in the area (the City ramp, for example). We would recommend the attrition of 10 meters to the 400 block of St. Josephs St.