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Legistar Item: 0634-19

To: Alder Tate II, Chairman  
Public Works and Services Committee

From: John Rooney *JCR*  
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Re: Request for Exception to Section 86-133 – Widths of Streets and Pavements, Parkways and Drainageways from Residents of the 3000 Block of Ruby Avenue

The residents of the 3000 block of Ruby Avenue are desirous of narrowing the roadway width on Ruby Avenue, from Melvin Avenue to Lombard Avenue, from 36 feet to 32 feet. The request is being made to maintain several trees on the east side of the road in the 60 feet Right-Of-Way. The Common Council approved the paving of this roadway under Resolution 0152-18 of 5/15/2018 for a 7" Portland Cement Concrete Pavement 32 feet width flange to flange line of curb and gutter (36 feet face to face of curb and gutter). Since the residents have no objection to the narrowing of the street, and the reduction of pavement width will not cause an increase in costs of the front foot assessment, staff supports the request.

However, staff does believe this is a unique circumstance and in no way considers this as precedence setting as it relates to minimum design standards as outlined in Section 86-133 (a) below:

Sec. 86-133. - Widths of streets and pavements, parkways and drainageways.

(a) The minimum right-of-way and roadway of all proposed streets shall be of the width specified by the master plan, neighborhood development study or planned development plan, or, if no width is specified therein, the minimum widths shall be as follows:

Type of Street	Right-of-Way Width (feet)	Roadway Width (face of curb to face of curb)
Boulevards and parkways	120	Dual 36 feet (24-foot median)
Major streets	110	Dual 36 feet (14 foot median residential area); (24 foot median business area)
Collector streets	90	70 feet
Minor streets	60	36 feet

If the committee agrees, the appropriate action would be to approve the exception to the ordinance for Minor streets for Ruby Avenue, Melvin Avenue to Lombard Street, and direct the City Engineer to modify the plans, specifications and estimates to facilitate this request.

JCR:njp  
Cc: Alder Lemke