



City of Racine, Wisconsin
AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: March 4, 2025 – Common Council

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting approval of discontinuance of the public right of way on the portion of West Street between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and the east property line of 1329 West Street.

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REVIEWED BY: City Attorney Scott R. Letteney

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

On June 20, 2023, the Community Development Authority of the City of Racine adopted the Lincoln King Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan. Since that time, staff has been working to implement the plan utilizing grant funding from the Neighborhood Investment Fund Grant Program from the State of Wisconsin awarded in March of 2022 related to the development of townhouses and improvement of existing housing stock in the neighborhood.

The City of Racine was also awarded a grant to develop a Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC) and has undertaken the process to do so. Additional information about the FQHC and Community Center can be found under item 1064-24 from December of 2024. A groundbreaking event was held on October 30, 2024, at the site of the Lincoln King Community Center and Clinic and attended by community members, government officials of all levels, and neighborhood residents.

The portion of West Street herein described runs through the middle of the development site of the future FQHC as seen in the attached site plan. Discontinuation of the described public right of way is required by the public interest as it is necessary for development to proceed.

Further, per Wisconsin Statutes, a public hearing is required to be held not less than 40 days after this date regarding the passage of a Resolution discontinuing the described portion of West Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Common Council find that the public interest requires that the portion of West Street between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and the east property line of 1329 West Street be discontinued pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 66.1003.
2. That pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 66.1003 a public hearing on the passage of a Resolution discontinuing the described portion of West Street be held not less than 40 days after this date.

FISCAL NOTE:

N/A