

City of Racine, Wisconsin AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: March 4, 2025 – Common Council

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting authorization for the transfer of property at 960 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to and for the operation of the Lincoln King Community Center and Clinic QALICB, Inc.

PREPARED BY: Brian Van Schyndel, Assistant City Attorney

REVIEWED BY: City Attorney Scott R. Letteney

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

This property was acquired by the City in 2025 as part of a property exchange agreement with RUSD with the purpose that the property would be utilized as the southern half of the campus of the future Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FHQC). The northern half of the FHQC campus, 1014 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive was acquired by the CDA in 2007 and was approved to be transferred to the Lincoln King Community Center and Clinic QALICB, Inc. on January 13, 2025.

On June 20, 2023, the CDA 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 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 at the site of the Lincoln King Community Center and Clinic and attended by community members, government officials of all levels, and neighborhood residents.

One action that needs to take place is the transfer of the property from the City to the non-profit entity that will own the property and that will lease portions of the to-be-constructed building to the FQHC and to the City. 960 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive is owned by the City. As such, the Common Council adopting the attached resolution would finalize approval of the transfer of the property for the specific purpose outlined herein.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Attorney, or their designee(s), be authorized to complete the following actions:

- Transfer the property at 960 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive from the City to Lincoln King Community Center and Clinic QALICB, Inc., for the purpose of operating the Lincoln King Community Center and Clinic.
- 2. Record and draft any necessary documents to complete the transaction.

Further, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign all documents necessary to complete the property transfer.

FISCAL NOTE:

Property recording fees are expected to total \$30.00.