



City of Racine, Wisconsin AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

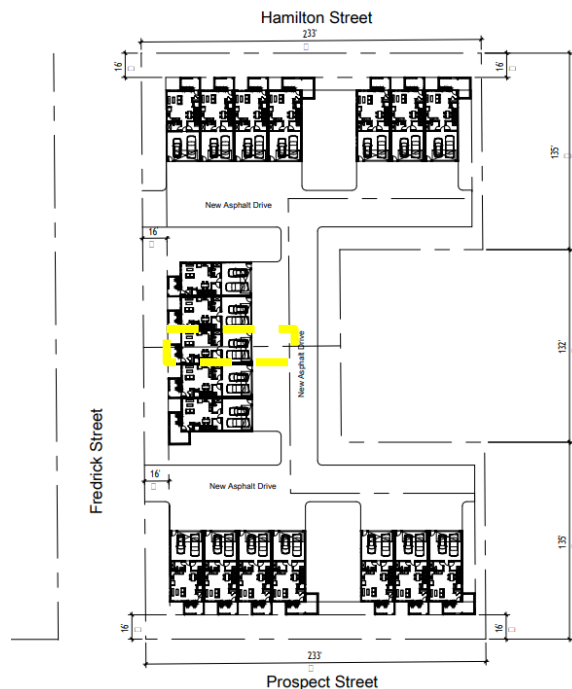
AGENDA DATE: June 3, 2025 – Common Council committee assignment
Week of June 9 – Committee consideration
June 17, 2025 – Common Council consideration

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Mayor Mason requesting approval of discontinuance of the entirety of the right-of-way for Freeman Court, extending easterly from its intersection with Frederick Street.

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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.

Additional information about the townhome development can be found under item [0301-25](#) from April 2, 2025. On the site plan for the development of the block bounded by Frederick Street to the west, Prospect Street to the south, Hamilton Street to the north, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive to the east, a public right-of-way named Freeman Court exists. This right-of-way has functioned as a driveway into the west parking lot for the existing community center and will no longer be needed. The parking area is generally unused and will have no use. The site plan for the housing development contemplates a building over the right-of-way as shown below. Discontinuance of Freeman Court 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 Freeman Court.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Common Council find that the public interest requires that the entirety of the right-of-way for Freeman Court 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 Freeman Court be held not less than 40 days after this date.

FISCAL NOTE:

N/A