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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 060531
Honorary Street Name Request
Rion Johnson on North 16th Street between
West Concordia Avenue and West Ring Street

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to a referral notice forwarded to the Department of Public Works (DPW) on August 16, 2006. File Number 060531 has been introduced to the Common Council to authorize the honorary naming of Rion Johnson on North 16th Street between West Concordia Avenue and West Ring Street.

Chapter 113-3 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances provides the guidelines to consider when reviewing an honorary street name request. Our review and comments are based upon whether the following criteria was met:

Section 4. Procedure

a-4 *If the proposed name refers to an individual, a brief biography of that individual.*

No biography was submitted.

a-5 *The rationale...for assigning the honorary street name, including, if applicable, an explanation of how the...individual...has been associated with the ...street or the area in which the...street is located.*

No such explanation was submitted.

Section 6. Names of Individuals

The name of an individual may be considered only if it is determined that it is in the public interest to honor the individual or the individual's family for historical or commemorative reasons.

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The name of an individual shall not be given consideration unless the individual portrays a positive image and is or was associated with or made a significant contribution to the public building or facility being named or renamed or to the area in which the building, facility or street is located.

Names of individuals who have made contributions in the arts, entertainment and business shall be considered along with names of individuals known for outstanding careers of public service.


Since no biography or required background was submitted, it cannot be determined that honoring this individual with honorary street name signs is consistent with the intent of the ordinance.

If the Common Council adopts this resolution, the DPW will fabricate and install 2 honorary signs at a cost of \$200. The deposit is to be made to the DPW prior to the resolution being scheduled on the Public Works Committee meeting. If any signs need to be replaced in the future, the City is to be notified of the missing or damaged sign and the petitioner is to cover the cost to fabricate and install said sign(s).

Very truly yours,



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