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To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Honorary Street Name Request.  
West North Avenue  
Between North 17<sup>th</sup> Street and North 27<sup>th</sup> Street to Don Sykes.

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to a request dated August 29, 2019 regarding an honorary street name on West North Avenue between North 17<sup>th</sup> Street and North 27<sup>th</sup> Street.

Chapter 113-3 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances provides the guidelines to consider when reviewing honorary street name requests. The guidelines provided in the code have been reviewed and the following comments are offered.

The rationale submitted explains that Don Sykes was a prominent Milwaukee citizen well known for leading the Social Development Commission for two decades as he built Milwaukee County's largest anti poverty agency. The two organizations that greatly benefited from his talent were the Social Development Commission, located on 1758 West North Avenue and Employ Milwaukee, located at 2342 West North Avenue. He was also a board member at Milwaukee Area Workforce Investment and led the organization in coordinating employment and training programs for adults and youth in Milwaukee county.

The request to have the honorary street name of "Don Sykes" includes 9 letters and spaces. The letter size of the honorary street name will be sized to fit the standard honorary street sign space.

Fourteen blue honorary street signs are required and will be mounted along West North Avenue between North 17<sup>th</sup> Street and North 27<sup>th</sup> Street. The signs will be mounted below the West North Avenue sign at each location. The existing official street signs at each location will remain. The petitioner may choose to furnish the honorary street signs but they must be fabricated to established City guidelines. The City can fabricate the signs at \$50 each. In either case, the City will install the honorary street signs at a cost of \$50 per sign. The petitioner is to deposit \$700 to the City if they furnish the fourteen signs or \$1,400 if the City fabricates and installs the signs. If a sign needs 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 mount the sign as described above with the initial installation. The City's cost to fabricate and install future signs is subject to change.

Provided that the honorary street name request meets the established design criteria and that the Department of Public Works does not incur any costs as a result of this action, we can support this resolution.

Sincerely,

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