

January 29, 2008

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 081319
Honorary Street Name Request
West Brown Street between North 22nd Street
and North 24th Street to Pastor Willie F. Brooks, Sr.

Dear Honorable Members:

This letter is in reply to a notice dated January 20, 2009 regarding a request for an honorary street name on West Brown 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.

Pastor Brooks passed away on July 16, 2008. He was pastor for 35 years at Guiding Light Missionary Baptist Church located at 2235 West Brown Street. The biography submitted on his behalf explains his community work within this area of West Brown Street. In addition to his role as pastor, he established a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program, after school program, summer program and a women's group at the church.

The request to honor Pastor Brooks with an honorary street name of "Pastor Willie F Brooks Sr" includes 25 letters and spaces. There is not a limit to 13 letters/spaces as with an official street name change request, however, the letters will be a smaller size to fit the standard honorary street sign space.

Three blue honorary street signs are required and will be mounted at both North 22nd Street, North 23rd Street, and North 24th Street. 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 \$150 to the City if they furnish the three signs or \$300 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.

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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.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Legislative Reference Bureau