



STAFF REPORT
WEST ALLIS PLAN COMMISSION
Wednesday, January 22, 2020
6:00 PM

Room 128 – City Hall – 7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

11. **Vacation and Discontinuance of a portion of S. 59 St. City right-of-way between W. National Ave. and W. Greenfield Ave.**

Overview & Zoning

The City is preparing notice and considering to discontinue a portion of S. 59 St. City right-of-way between W. National Ave. and W. Greenfield Ave.

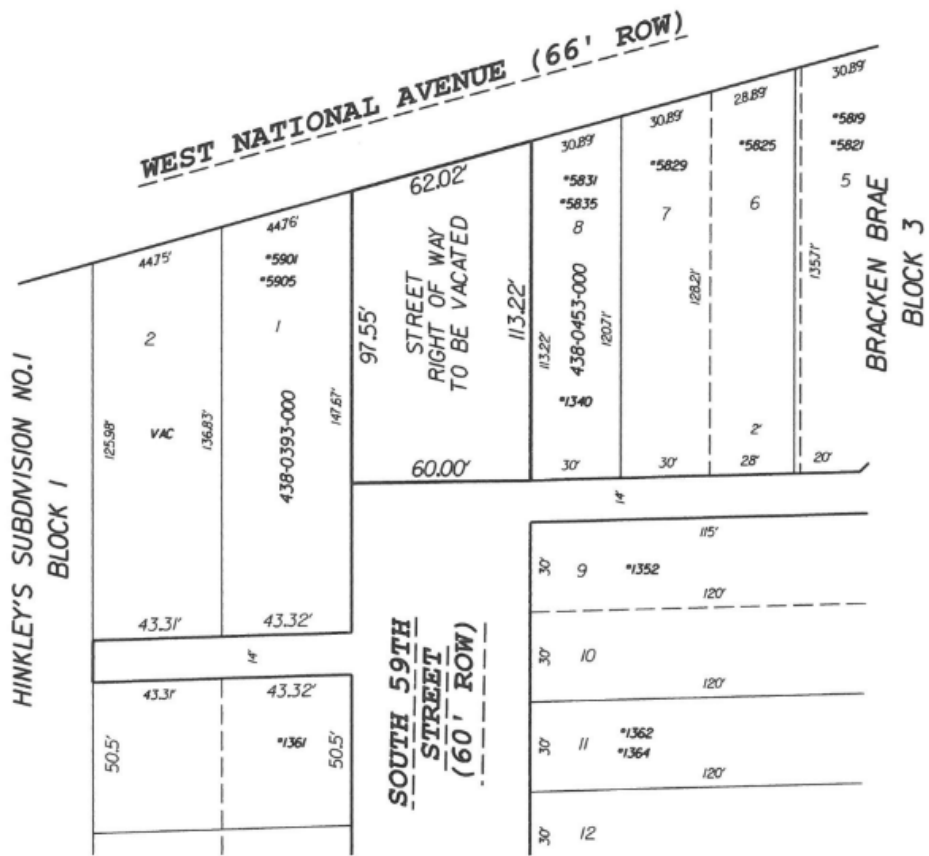
On January 21, the matter will be considered by the Common Council. Should the Council decide to conduct a hearing it would likely take place on March 3. Council will determine if the proposed is deemed within the public interest to proceed with this vacation. Staff believes there is rationale to further the proposal given the City's ongoing commitment to increase utility of the street for the public benefit. The neighboring business owners on either side of the street have committed to closing the street to motor vehicle traffic and opening it up for people to enjoy. Further, increased pedestrian traffic has multiple benefits including more social and commercial opportunities.

State Statutes requires publishing a class 3 notice and personal service on abutting landowners at least 40 days before a public hearing (to be March 3) or, if they can't be personally served, the notice needs to be mailed to them at least 30 days ahead of time. Any abutting owner can object to discontinuance by filing a written objection; it would then take a 2/3 vote by the council to override that objection.

----- Proposed Discontinuance of unimproved public right of way



Should the Council vacate this portion of street, the abutting property owners would receive their abutting portion of land.



Recommendation: Common Council approval of the proposed Vacation and Discontinuance of a portion of S. 59 St. City right-of-way between W. National Ave. and W. Greenfield Ave.