

10. Resolution Approving Certifications to and Decertifications from the City's Local Street System (2024 Act 51 Street System Report)

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CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: March 25, 2025

TO: Mark Washington, City Manager

COMMITTEE: Community Development Committee

LIAISON: Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

FROM: Tim Burkman, City Engineer
Engineering

SUBJECT: **Resolution Approving Certifications to and Decertifications from the City's Local Street System (2024 Act 51 Street System Report)**

It is necessary for the City to formally certify and decertify the linear footage of streets to be added to and deleted from the active streets system for Public Act 51 purposes. The certification and decertification typically recognizes new streets that were constructed and dedicated as public rights-of-way within the City, streets that were vacated through actions by the Kent County Circuit Court, street closures, interjurisdictional exchanges of public rights-of-way between various government agencies, and the additions or subtractions of streets that are not shown correctly on the current Act 51 City of Grand Rapids Street Systems map (Act 51 map).

On October 18, 2022 (Proceeding No. 92083) the City approved a Construction Agreement and accepted a Warranty Deed and dedicated the same as public rights-of-way known as Hazen Street, Willard Avenue, Linden Avenue, and Merrit Street in connection with Dwelling Place – 2080 Union (add 1,343 feet). The aforesaid streets were open to traffic prior to December 31, 2024.

On September 10, 2019 (Proceeding No. 89173) the City passed a resolution consenting to the vacation of King Court from 650 feet West of the centerline of Grandville Avenue to the centerline of Grandville Avenue (subtract 650 feet). King Court was closed to traffic prior to December 31, 2024.

On February 12, 2019 (Proceeding No. 88462) the City approved entering into agreements with the Michigan Department of Transportation for Reconstruction of Ionia Avenue from Michigan Street to Ionia North Lot and Division Avenue from 1200 feet South of Fairbanks Street to 770 feet South of Fairbanks Street and I-196 Ramps at Ionia Avenue and Division Avenue (MDOT Contract No. 18-5432 and Contract No. 18-5443). The aforesaid project removed a portion of Ionia Avenue between the northerly curblane

of relocated Ionia Avenue and the southerly terminus of Ionia Avenue (subtract 89 feet). The affected portion of Ionia Avenue was closed to traffic prior to December 31, 2024.

The total offset between the increase (1,343 feet) and the decreases (739 feet) results in a net increase to the City's Act 51 active streets system of 604 feet (0.11 miles.).

Additional streets (a portion of Prospect Avenue and a portion of Will Avenue) have been vacated but have not been closed to traffic and will be included in a future year's Act 51 mileage deletions for the year in which the streets are closed to traffic.

cc: Robert Swain
Wayne Regier

Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution certifying and decertifying streets for the 2024 Act 51 Street System Report.

WHEREAS, it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to place streets within the City of Grand Rapids Street System, and to decertify streets that have been vacated and/or closed to traffic, all for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P. A. 1951, as amended; therefore

RESOLVED:

1. That the following described streets are hereby certified as part of the City of Grand Rapids Street System for a total of 1,343 feet as shown on City of Grand Rapids drawing GPF 5874:

Hazen Street from the centerline of Union Avenue to Willard Avenue (add 436 feet); and

Willard Avenue from the centerline of Winchell Street to Hazen Street (add 259 feet); and

Linden Avenue from the centerline of Winchell Street to Merritt Street (add 511 feet); and

Merritt Street from Linden Avenue to the centerline of Martin Avenue (add 137 feet); and

- A. That the above-described streets are located within City of Grand Rapids' rights-of-way and are under control of the City of Grand Rapids; and
 - B. That said streets are public streets and are for public street purposes; and
 - C. That said streets are accepted into the City of Grand Rapids Local Street System and were open to the public prior to December 31, 2024; and
2. That the following described streets are hereby decertified from the City of Grand Rapids Street System for a total of 739 feet:
 - A. King Court from 650 feet West of the centerline of Grandville Avenue to the centerline of Grandville Avenue (for a total of 650 feet). Said street vacation was approved by the City on September 10, 2019 (Proceeding No. 89173) and was closed to traffic prior to December 31, 2024; and
 - B. Ionia Avenue from the northerly curbline of relocated Ionia Avenue to the southerly terminus of Ionia Avenue (for a total of 89 feet) as shown on

City of Grand Rapids drawing GPF 5612. Said street was closed to traffic prior to December 31, 2024.

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