

to pay the outstanding obligations for unemployment relief which had been contracted during the month of July and were payable in August.

We are now coming before your Honorable Body with a request for an appropriation to meet our deficit for unemployment relief for August which is payable during the current months. We have on hand an available balance of \$601.66 to meet accounts payable for unemployment relief, approximating \$135,000.00.

The Public Welfare Commission is gratified to report that there has been an increase in the amount of city labor which was performed without pay by men receiving relief from the Public Welfare Commission. During the month of August the value of such work at current rates would approximate \$28,000.00. For September it will amount to nearly \$45,000.00 and is distributed over more of the city departments than heretofore.

During the summer months the amount of unemployment relief furnished by the city was decreasing each month. For the current month, however, the prospect is for a slight increase over August. We can estimate at this time that the City of Detroit will assist about 4,000 families of the unemployed at a total cost of about \$140,000.00 for the month of September. This relief will be payable in October.

The Public Welfare Commission request, therefore, a deficit appropriation of \$135,000.00 to meet the disbursements for the relief of the unemployed made during the month of August, 1921.

Yours very truly,
PUBLIC WELFARE COMM.
T. E. Dolan,
Gen. Supt.

By Councilman Castator:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer from Available funds the sum of \$135,000 to meet the disbursements of the Public Welfare Commission for the relief of the unemployed made during the month of August, 1921, said sum is to be repaid when an item in the budget for the ensuing fiscal year becomes available July 1, 1922.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Kronk, Littlefield, Nagel, Simons, Watson and the President Pro. Tem.—8.
Nays—None.

From the Recorder's Court.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of opening Elmhurst avenue from Cascade to Otsego avenues, where not already open, as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening Friday, September 16, 1921, which was confirmed by the Court Tuesday, September 20, 1921.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

Respectfully,
CHAS. W. CASGRAIN,
Clerk.

Accepted and placed on file.

From the Recorder's Court

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I respectfully report to your Honorable Body that a jury duly impanelled in the Recorder's Court, in the matter of opening Cecil avenue from Vernor avenue to alley first south of Vernor avenue, as a public street and highway, rendered a verdict in favor of said opening, Friday, September 16, 1921, which was confirmed by the court, Tuesday, September 20, 1921.

In accordance with the statute, I herewith transmit a certified copy of said verdict, and of the judgment of confirmation.

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From the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen— I am submitting herewith a copy of the proposed ordinance governing the construction and operation of elevators and respectfully request that you give this matter your earnest consideration.

Last May the Recorders Court declared that the elevator ordinance under which the department was at that time operating, was illegal, in that it had not been passed in proper form, this ordinance having been passed in practically the same manner in which the Building Code of 1919 was passed, This decision made it necessary for this department to operate under Article 27 of the Building code of 1911, as this was the only ordinance covering elevators which had ever been passed previous to the passage of the ordinance declared invalid. Article 27 was written a good many years ago and has not been kept up to date and in consequence is wholly inadequate for the present conditions.

The present proposed ordinance has been drawn with due consideration to all criticisms brought against the previous ordinances, and has been submitted to all the companies manufacturing and installing elevators in the City of Detroit, as well as to a large number of architects, engineers, property owners, and other parties interested in the subject. To my knowledge there are no criticisms of the ordinance as it now stands.

The essential features of this proposed ordinance are as follows:

All new construction will be held up to a high standard of safety, but as far as possible no provision has been made which will make such construction any more expensive than absolutely necessary.

All old elevators will be allowed to be continued in use in their present form with only such repairs as are necessary to make them safe, but existing elevators traveling more than two floors will be required to be enclosed. Provision is made to accept the lightest possible enclosure which can be used for such a purpose.

At several times in the past the question or requiring interlocks upon elevators has been brought before your Honorable Body and many believed that the manufacturers of this device were endeavoring to obtain legislation requiring their apparatus and at