

made by popular petition, and twenty days when the referendum is made by the local legislative body.

The purpose of the referendum is to enable the people themselves, rather than through their representatives, to speak their mind on matters of vital interest to them, but they are equally entitled to a chance to speak intelligently. Detroit has exercised a commendable restraint in the number and character of questions upon which the people have been asked to render opinions; but while the referendum has generally been wise and helpful, there have been, nevertheless, instances of complicated or technical problems submitted to the people without the time for that careful investigation and consideration so essential to sound judgment. It is, of course, assumed that your Honorable Body desires at the polls only such decisions as are based upon the largest possible knowledge of the facts involved.

We therefore respectfully suggest and urge that, in spite of the brief twenty-day limitation allowed by law, your Honorable Body in future take into consideration the factor of time for popular study or proposals to be submitted, especially when such proposals involve a variety of legal or other intricate problems, and wherever possible, by general agreement, secure the public filing of such proposals at least forty days prior to the election, and, where conditions justify or permit, allow a still longer period, such as sixty days.

If such a policy is accepted by the Common Council, we believe the interests and welfare of the city will be promoted, by the rendering of a more intelligent judgment at the polls than is possible when the voters are required to pass judgment on matters not fully understood by them.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Board, Detroit Citizens League: Mrs. Frank S. Bigler, Divie B. Duffield, Frederick C. Gilbert, Charles W. Leech, Henry M. Leonard, John M. Mulkey, Mrs. Willard Pope, Charles R. Talbot, Clarence E. Wilcox.

W. P. LOVETT, Secretary,
General order for Friday, Dec. 21.

From the Clerk.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to advise your Honorable Body that the deeds of The Texas Co. and Frederick J. Dasher, et al. to the City of Detroit of certain property for alley and street purposes, have been filed in my office. Same having been approved by the Corporation Council

and City Engineer, resolution accepting and approving said deeds is attached.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD LINDSAY,
City Clerk.

By Councilman Castator:

Resolved, That the Warranty Deed of The Texas Company to the City of Detroit, of all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Detroit and described as follows: "Beginning at a point, to wit, the northeasterly corner of Lot 96 of Rieden's Sub. of that part of lot 8 of the sub. of P. C. 60, which lies south of Dix avenue, according to the plat thereof recorded in liber 29 of Plats, at page 77, Wayne County Registry; thence easterly along the northerly line of said lot 96, if extended, a distance of 9 feet, to a point; thence northerly parallel to and 9 feet easterly of the easterly line of the aforesaid lot 8 of the sub. of P. C. 60, three hundred thirty-three feet, more or less, to a point in the westerly line of Michigan Central Railroad Company's right of way; thence northerly along the curve of the westerly line of said right-of-way to its point of intersection with the easterly line of lot 8 aforesaid; thence southerly along the easterly line of said lot 8, three hundred ninety-seven and ninety-two one hundredths feet, more or less, to the place of beginning," be and the same is hereby accepted and approved; and further

Resolved, That the warranty deed of Frederick J. Dasher and Laurena B. Dasher, to the City of Detroit of all those certain pieces or parcels of land situated in the City of Detroit and described as follows: "The easterly three feet of lot 64, the westerly three feet of lot 127; the easterly three feet of lot 138; the westerly three feet of lot 255; the easterly three feet of lot 266 and the westerly three feet of lot 329, Berry Park Subdivision of the southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 16, T. 1, S. R. 11 E., according to the plat thereof recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County, in liber 35, page 81, of Plats," be and the same is hereby accepted and approved and further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to cause said deeds to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Wayne County, Michigan.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Ewald, Kronk, Littlefield, Nagel, Vernor, Watson and the President—9.

Nays—None.

From the Clerk.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to inform you