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to the state legislature which proposes to abolish all spring primaries and elections. The election commission has had this bill under consideration, and believes that if it were amended by striking out the word "city," it would be a desirable bill for legislative action. Inasmuch as the only city offices elected in the spring are school inspectors and justices of the peace with the addition of judges of the Recorder's Court every sixth year, if this proposed amendment became law, it would only be necessary to amend the charter in two places to bring about the desired result as far as the City of Detroit is concerned. It seemed desirable to eliminate the word "city" as this would result in the constitution being so worded as to abridge a city's right under the home rule act, and such a move would naturally be opposed by the League of Michigan Municipalities as well as the various cities interested.

In view of the necessity for taking some definite steps to alleviate this condition of affairs, a resolution was adopted by the City Election Commission approving the Corliss bill, and requesting Mr. Frank P. Darin, chairman of the Wayne delegation, to use his influence in having this joint resolution reported out and acted upon by both the house and senate at the earliest opportunity with the recommendation that the proposed amendment be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election to be held in the fall of 1928. Both Commissioner Lodge and myself as members of the City Election Commission would like very much to see such an amendment made effective, and I am transmitting to you the action of the election commission in connection with this matter, with a request that your honorable body take some official action towards urging the adoption of the amendment if it meets with your approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
**RICHARD W. READING,**  
 Chairman, City Election Commission.

By Councilman Castator—In view of the appalling lack of interest manifested by Detroit voters at every spring primary and election, resulting in important questions and offices being decided by a minority of nine per cent of our registered electors, and the fact that numerous criticisms and complaints would indicate that elections are being held in the City of Detroit with such frequency as to prove burdensome to our citizens; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Detroit go on record as approving the proposed constitu-

tional amendment now before our state legislature which provides for the elimination of spring primaries and elections throughout the state, with the recommendation that the word "city" be stricken from the said amendment in order that cities operating under the Home Rule Act (so-called) may make the desired changes in the nomination and election of city officers through charter amendment; and

Further resolved, that the action of this body be conveyed to the members of the Wayne delegation in the house and senate, with the request that favorable action be taken for the submission of such proposed constitutional amendment at the general state election to be held in 1928.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Callahan, Castator, Dingeman, Ewald, Littlefield, Nagel, Stevenson and the President—8.

Nays—None.

From the Clerk

That he presented such portion of the proceedings of the last regular session as is required by the Charter to be so presented, to His Honor the Mayor for approval, on the eleventh inst., and that they were approved on the fourteenth inst.

Also, that he has been served with Chancery Summons, issued out of the Circuit Court, in Chancery, for the County of Wayne, in a cause wherein Ignace Pietrasz and wife are plaintiffs and the City of Detroit, defendant, and that he has referred the same to the Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

From the Clerk

March 15, 1927.

To the Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to inform you that quit-claim deeds of the Detroit Trust Co. (estate of Annie L. Kean) and Charlotte Berry Sherrard, et al, and warranty deed of Ellen Parmenter to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for street purposes have been filed in my office. Said deeds having been approved by the Corporation Counsel and City Engineer, resolution accepting same is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
**RICHARD W. READING,**  
 City Clerk.

By Councilman Ewald:

Resolved, That quit-claim deed of the Detroit Trust Co. (estate of Annie L. Kean), covering property dedicated for street purposes described as "all that part of lot 2 of the plat of

the subdivision of the St. Jean Farm (so-called), being the westerly part of Private Claim 26, etc."

Also quit-claim deed of Charlotte Berry Sherrard, et al, to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for street purposes described as "All that part of Private Claim 26 described as follows: beginning at the southwesterly corner of lot 1 of the Terminal Subdivision, etc., thence along the southerly line of said subdivision South 64 deg. 07 min. 30 sec. west, 33 ft., etc."

Also warranty deed of Ellen Parmenter to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for street purposes described as "all that part of the N. E. Quarter Sec. 9, T. 1 S., R. 10 E., described as follows: beginning at a point on the westerly line of Beaverland Ave., said point being also the northeasterly corner of lot 35, etc."

Be and the same are hereby accepted, and the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to record said deeds in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Callahan, Castator, Dingeman, Ewald, Littlefield, Nagel, Stevenson and the President—8.

Nays—None.

**From the Clerk**

March 15, 1927.

To the Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to inform you that bond, waiver and agreement of the State Fair Fuel & Supply Co. covering spurtrack across Wyoming Ave. has been filed in my office. Said documents having been approved by the Corporation Counsel, resolution approving same is attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD W. READING,  
City Clerk.

By Councilman Ewald:

Resolved, That the bond, waiver and agreement of the State Fair Fuel & Supply Co., covering spurtrack across Wyoming Ave., filed pursuant to resolution adopted February 23, 1927, be and the same is hereby accepted and approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Callahan, Castator, Dingeman, Ewald, Littlefield, Nagel, Stevenson and the President—8.

Nays—None.

**From the Clerk.**

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I beg to inform your Honorable Body that I am in receipt

of the following petitions since the last regular session and recommend their reference to the general order as follows:

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD W. READING,  
City Clerk.

**GENERAL ORDER FOR MONDAY**

- 8890—Benjamin Alpert, re widening Nevada.
- 8891—Mary Gleason, reimbursement for damage to property.
- 8892—Ernest R. Deehan, re opening Eaton Avenue.

**GENERAL ORDER FOR TUESDAY**

- 8893—University of Detroit, straightening Dexter Blvd.
- 8894—Bethel Baptist Church, refund permit fee.

**GENERAL ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY**

- 8896—James G. Scramlin, tourist camp.
- 8897—Imperial Hotel Co., re strip on Peterboro.
- 8898—Velma McDonald, extension time, paving tax.
- 8899—James Walsh, street vending.

**GENERAL ORDER FOR THURSDAY**

- 8900—George T. Murphy, all night parking.
- 8901—Douglas Moses, payment of judgment.

**GENERAL ORDER FOR FRIDAY**

- 8902—Knights of Columbus, use city buses.

**REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

- 8903—White Star Refining Co., curb cut, Shoemaker and Connors.
- 8904—White Star Refining Co., curb cut, Fourteenth and Temple.
- 8905—White Star Refining Co., curb cut, Maxwell and Charlevoix.
- 8906—White Star Refining Co., curb cut, W. Chicago and Monica.
- 8907—White Star Refining Co., curb cut, Livernois and DeSota.
- 8908—Wilson Bros. Oil Co., curb cuts, Fenkell and Wisconsin; W. Gd. Blvd. and Baker.
- 8909—Metropolitan Oil Co., curb cut, Brush at Medbury.
- 8910—Steers Maquire Corporation, curb cut, Linwood and Richton.
- 8911—Simon Shapero, curb cut, Kercheval and Newport.
- 8912—James R. Adam, curb cut, Warren and Whittier.
- 8913—Bernard Schlaff, coal chute, Livernois and Fullerton.