

Resolved, that the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby authorized and directed to file claim against the estate of Harry M. Tyler on account of the misappropriation of \$46,922.62, said amount representing funds growing out of and a part of an account of the so-called wheel tax fund and/or such other and additional amounts or items as may properly be charged against said estate without prejudicing the rights of the City of Detroit in litigation involving the Guardian National Bank. And be it further

Resolved, that the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby instructed to serve notice of claims upon all sureties for official bonds or employe bonds against whom liability may exist for present shortages in City accounts.

Approved as to form:

**RAYMOND J. KELLY,**  
Corporation Counsel.

Councilman Jeffries moved that the resolution be amended to read "notice of possible loss" instead of "notice of claim" in the third paragraph. Councilman Lodge moved that the matter lie on the table, which motion did not prevail as follows:

Yeas—Councilman Bradley, Lodge and the President—3.

Nays—Councilmen Castator, Engel, Ewald, Jeffries, Lindsay, and Van Antwerp—6.

Councilman Jeffries then moved that the resolution be amended to change the word "claim" to "possible loss" in the third paragraph, which motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Engel, Ewald, Jeffries, Lindsay, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

The resolution as amended was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Engel, Ewald, Jeffries, Lindsay, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

From the Corporation Counsel

April 21st, 1936.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are submitting to your Honorable Body, for approval, the attached voucher, in favor of Howard J. Ely, land appraiser, for expert services rendered in the widening of Gratiot avenue between Mack avenue and East Grand Boulevard, totaling \$7,950.00, which we believe to be a fair and reasonable amount for the work performed.

This voucher covers two (2) complete land appraisals, the first pre-

pared in 1930 based upon sales, leases and rentals of that year, but was not used due to lack of funds to finance this improvement. This appraisal could not be used during the trial in 1935-1936 due to the great change in property values.

On April 21st, 1931 (J. C. C., p. 982), Mr. Ely was given \$2,000.00 on account; said amount being equal to approximately one-third of the cost of the appraisal completed at that time. The second appraisal was ordered in March, 1935, completed and testified to in Court, ending February 27, 1936, the total cost for this work amounting to \$3,950.00.

The cost of both appraisals totals \$9,950.00. Deducting the \$2,000.00 (the amount already paid to Mr. Ely) leaves a balance of \$7,950.00.

In view of the above facts, we would recommend approval of the attached voucher, and resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
**EDWARD A. WALINSKE,**  
Condemnation Clerk.

Approved:

**RAYMOND J. KELLY,**  
Corporation Counsel.

By Councilman Lindsay:

Resolved, that the City Controller be and he hereby is authorized and directed to honor a voucher when presented by the Corporation Counsel, in favor of Howard J. Ely, in the sum of \$7,950.00, covering land appraisal and services rendered in the widening of Gratiot avenue from Mack avenue to East Grand Boulevard.

Approved:

**RAYMOND J. KELLY,**  
Corporation Counsel.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Engel, Ewald, Jeffries, Lindsay, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

From the Corporation Counsel

April 23, 1936.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The petition of Edward F. Wunsch (825) addressed to your Honorable Body, together with a quit claim deed from Caroline D. Schulte White to the City of Detroit, which the petitioner tenders to the City for the purpose of making the same a matter of public record, has been duly considered.

We discussed this matter in a personal interview with Mr. Edward F. Wunsch, the petitioner. He informs me that he has read carefully the abstract covering this property and knows that the title to the property



covered by the plat was not in the proprietors named in this plat at the time of the dedication to the public of the streets and alleys therein designated. He further represents that he withheld the purchase of a lot in this subdivision until he could obtain this deed which he now tenders for record, because he knew that the title to this property was defective in the respect claimed.

We, therefore, recommend that the quit claim deed running from Caroline D. Schulte White to the City of Detroit shall be recorded as requested by the petitioner, and recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
**JULIAN P. RODGERS,**

Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Approved:

**RAYMOND J. KELLY,**  
 Corporation Counsel.

By Councilman Lindsay:

Resolved, That the Controller be and he hereby is authorized and directed to record the quit claim deed dated March 3, 1936, running from Caroline D. Schulte White to the City of Detroit, a municipal corporation, covering all the streets and alleys embraced in and adjoining Ardenwood Subdivision of Lots A, B and part of C of John M. Dwyer's Acres Subdivision of the south half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 9 Town one south of range eleven east, which plat was recorded in Liber 43 of Plats on page 2 of Wayne County Records, in accordance with the foregoing communication from the Corporation Counsel.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Bradley, Castator, Engel, Ewald, Jeffries, Lindsay, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

From the City Treasurer

April 27, 1936.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am transmitting to you this day, a report on the tax collections by years.

You will note the remarkable improvement in the collection of current taxes as of April 17, comparing same with the tax collections for the previous years, as of April 17. There is an improvement of \$3,000,000 as compared with 1934 collections, and a \$7,000,000 improvement as compared with the 1933 collections.

It is also interesting to note the improvement in delinquent tax col-

lections, as shown on the bottom of the report, comparing the years 1934 and 1935, which shows an increase of approximately \$4,000,000.

The reason for this is quite obvious, and is pointed out in the number of tax receipts issued during the years 1935, 1934 and 1933, which merely means that by holding the tax budget low, we are causing more properties to pay their taxes and in this way we have a more even distribution of the tax burden.

This report shows quite clearly that the low tax budget is continuing to be satisfactory to the City's finances.

Very truly yours,  
**ALBERT E. COBO,**  
 City Treasurer.

**CITY OF DETROIT**

Statement of Tax Collections  
 April 17, 1936

1935-36: Levy \$54,840,833; collected to April 17, each year, \$42,964,850; per cent 78.32; collected to March 31, 1936, \$42,964,850; per cent 78.32 (a).

1934-35: Levy \$55,512,917; collected to April 17, each year, \$39,717,962; per cent 71.60; collected to March 31, 1936, \$44,415,991; per cent 80.01.

1933-34: Levy \$55,655,237; collected to April 17, each year, \$35,468,047; per cent 63.70; collected to March 31, 1936, \$46,173,354; per cent 82.96.

1932-33: Levy \$72,632,990; collected to March 31, 1936, \$60,244,848; per cent 82.94.

1931-32: Levy \$76,029,513; collected to March 31, 1936, \$67,754,607; per cent 89.11.

1930-31: Levy \$76,071,755; collected to March 31, 1936, \$72,428,282; per cent 95.21.

1929-30: Levy \$76,050,654; collected to March 31, 1936, \$75,406,120; per cent 99.15.

(a) 1935-36 collections as of April 17, 1936.

Number of Tax Receipts issued to April 17, each year: 1935-36, 409,931; 1934-35, 347,000; 1933-34, 296,500.

Delinquent Tax Collections as of April 17, each year: 1935-36, \$15,504,781.08; 1934-35, \$11,264,319.27.

Certified correct by:

**ALBERT E. COBO,**  
 Treasurer, City of Detroit.

Received and placed on file.

From Department of Public Works

April 27, 1936.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Pursuant to resolution adopted by your Honorable Body under date of March 31, 1936, J. C. C. Page 775, Sears, Roebuck & Company, by Patterson Engineering Com-