

August 6

From the Department of Public Works
July 31, 1940

To the Honorable, the Common
Council:

Gentlemen—The DPW Coordinator's Division has received reports that the paving of the following streets has been fully completed, has been approved by the Bureau of Inspection and Tests of the City Engineer's Office as being in accordance with the contracts and specifications, and is therefore ready for acceptance by the City.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. W. WALKER, JR.,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Hamilton:

Resolved, that whereas it appears from a communication from the Department of Public Works (City Engineer's Office) that the paving of:

Biltmore street, Grand River to Fenkell, Class B, Series E,
Winthrop street, Westfield to W. Chicago, Class B, Series B,

has been duly completed; and whereas, the paving of said streets has been found to be in accordance with the contracts and specifications for the same and has been accepted by the Commissioner of Public Works, that the paving of above streets, within the limits mentioned, be, and is hereby accepted.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Councilmen Dorais, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Sweeny, Van Antwerp and the President—7.

Nays—None.

From Department of Public Works

August 5, 1940

To the Honorable, the Common
Council:

Gentlemen—Plans have been received from the Michigan State Highway Department for the paving of Gratiot Avenue from Randolph to Brush, with a request that the plans be given formal approval by the City of Detroit.

The plans have been checked as to general features and are found to be in accord with standard practice in similar construction on Gratiot and Woodward Avenues by the Highway Department.

The proposed pavement is to be 90 feet wide between curbs, with a 10 inch reinforced concrete base and a 3½ inch sheet asphalt top. There will be a 6 foot 6 inch brick parking strip along each curb. Tracks will be 7 inch, 122 pound grooved girder rails on steel ties, encased in concrete to within 3 inches of the top and surfaced with sheet asphalt.

The pavement is being constructed by contract under supervision of the State Highway Department and is being paid for out of State and Fed-

eral funds, at no direct expense to the City.

We recommend the approval of these plans by your Honorable Body in accordance with the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
W. M. WALKER, JR.,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, that the plans for the paving of Gratiot Avenue between Randolph and Brush, submitted by the Michigan State Highway Department, and identified by Number S-24-B-2, as set forth in detail in the foregoing communication be and the same are hereby approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dorais, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Sweeny, Van Antwerp and the President—7.

Nays—None.

From Department of Public Works

August 1, 1940.

To the Honorable, the Common
Council:

Gentlemen—Please find herewith Quit Claim Deed of Henry and Clara J. Ford covering property for widening Kirkwood Avenue between Auburn Avenue and Evergreen Road to a width of 60 feet.

We recommend that the deed be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. W. WALKER, JR.,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Sweeny:

Resolved, That quit-claim deed of Henry and Clara J. Ford to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for street purposes, described as "the northerly 30.00 ft. of the W. ½ of the S. W. ¼ of the S. W. ¼ of Fractional Section 11, T. 2 S., R. 10 E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Mich., and described more particularly as follows; commencing at the point of intersection of the southerly line of Kirkwood Ave., of 30.00 ft. width as platted in Harrington Gardens Subdivision of the S. ½ of the N. W. ¼ of the S. W. ¼ of said Fractional Section 11, as recorded in Liber 51 of Plats, page 46, of the Wayne County Records, with the westerly line of Auburn Ave., of 49.15 ft. width as platted in Florence Park Subdivision of part of the S. W. ¼ of said Fractional Section 11, as recorded in Liber 48 of Plats, page 82 of the said county records and running thence along the said southerly line of Kirkwood Ave., N. 89 deg. 48 min. 10 sec. W. 611.63 ft. to the easterly line of Evergreen Ave., of 66.00 ft. width; thence due south 30.00 ft. along the said easterly line; thence S. 89 deg. 48 min. 10 sec. E.

611.88 ft. to a point on the said westerly line of Auburn Ave.; thence N. 0 deg. 27 min. 10 sec. W. 30.00 ft. along said westerly line to the point of commencement, containing 0.421 acre, more or less."

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

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dorais, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Sweeny, Van Antwerp and the President—7.

Nays—None.

From the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering

August 1, 1940.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—This will confirm my explanation which was offered about a week ago in answer to a summons issued by your honorable body concerning the Department's progress in an effort to rid the city of sub-standard dwellings.

We are proceeding with the limited personnel available for this activity to cause sub-standard dwellings to be repaired or dismantled. Any complaints we receive against such premises are given preference to other cases. Otherwise, those which appear to be most flagrant or glaring violations are placed in the next order of importance.

With the adoption of the zoning ordinance in the offing and the strong possibility of embarking upon a program of rehabilitating at least some of the culpable areas within the limits of the Grand Boulevard, it was thought inadvisable, at this time, to launch a vigorous campaign of ordering repairs to properties only to find them condemned in order to facilitate the development of some project linked with the city's proposed limited dividend Corporation's program. We realize, of course, that this program is still in its relative stage of incipiency and that a state enabling act, which would adequately serve our purpose, must first be adopted by the Legislature. Furthermore, some time must also be devoted to very careful study in making comparisons between the present economic status of the various areas and the possibilities they have to offer to the investors of capital. The potentialities, whatever they may be, seem to depend entirely upon our own ability to develop a rehabilitation plan which will provide the necessary incentive for capital investments.

Pending the outcome of our expectancy in the near future we shall continue our relentless drive against sub-standard dwellings to the best of our

ability under the existing circumstances.

Very truly yours,

JOS. P. WOLFF,

Commissioner.

Received and placed on file.

Department of Purchases and Supplies

August 6th, 1940.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In response to our advertisement for proposals for furnishing the Detroit House of Correction, Wm. H. Maybury Sanatorium, Dept. of Street Railways and Other City Departments with approximately 19,500 Tons of Bituminous Nut, Pea and Slack Coal and approximately 8,500 Tons of Pocohontas Mine Run and Lump Coal over a period starting at once and ending July 31st, 1941, in accordance with specifications on file in this office, bids were received as per the attached tabulations and opened on July 26th.

(Per Net Ton—F.O.B. Mines)

SUNNYBROOK COAL CO.

Approx. 11,500 Tons 1½-in. or 2-in. Nut, Pea and Slack Bituminous Coal, guaranteeing 14,180 B.T.U.—For the House of Correction, Water Board Yard Heating and Wm. H. Maybury Sanatorium, \$1.12.

Approx. 8,000 Tons 2-in. Nut, Pea and Slack Bituminous Coal, guaranteeing 14,775 B.T.U.—for the Dept. of Street Railways, \$1.30.

Approx. 6,500 Tons Pocohontas Mine Run, guaranteeing 14,900 B.T.U.—for Other City Departments, \$1.72.

NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORP.

Approx. 2,000 Tons Pocohontas Lump Coal, guaranteeing 14,820 B.T.U.—for Other City Depts., \$2.35.

The approval of your Honorable Body is requested.

Respectfully,

EDWARD H. KENNEDY, JR.,

Commissioner.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That the Department of Purchases and Supplies be and it is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the Sunnybrook Coal Co. and North American Coal Corp. for furnishing the House of Correction, Wm. H. Maybury Sanatorium Dept., Dept. of Street Railways and other city departments with approximately 19,500 tons of bituminous nut, pea and slack coal and approximately 8,500 tons of Pocohontas mine run and lump coal, for a period starting at once and ending July 31, 1941, in amounts, kinds and at prices listed in the foregoing communication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dorais, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Sweeny, Van Antwerp and the President—7.

Nays—None.