

August 14

Ward 20: Total Real Estate, \$78,-
 683,830; Total Personal, \$23,068,560;
 Grand Total Real and Personal, \$101,-
 137,410.
 Ward 21: Total Real Estate, \$450,-
 778,980; Total Personal, \$216,900,-
 887,679,910.
 Grand Total Real Estate, \$511,-
 887,679,910.
 Ward 22: Total Personal, \$57,871,000;
 888,090; Grand Total Real and Personal, \$569,-
 180,090.
 Total Real Estate, \$2,850,608,560;
 Total Personal, \$1,346,248,610; Grand
 Total Real and Personal, \$4,196,857,-
 170.
 Rate Per Thousand Valuation —
 Total city rate, \$22.276; Board of
 Education, \$10.758; Combined rate,
 \$33.034; Board of Education budget,
 \$45,149,789.43.
 Received and placed on file.

Buildings & Safety Engineering
 August 9, 1951.

Honorable Common Council:
 Re: 308-310 Woodward Avenue be-
 tween Jefferson and Woodbridge North
 14 feet of West 60 feet of Lot No. 62
 and South 42 feet of Lot No. 61, Sec-
 tion 4 Governor and Judges Plan, 3
 and 4 Story Brick Manufacturing
 Building.

Gentlemen—The three and four
 story brick manufacturing building
 located at 308-10 Woodward Avenue
 was recently found to be in dangerous
 condition and this Department issued
 a violation notice on July 25, 1951, to:

1. Dismantle and remove the three
 and four story brick manufacturing
 building which has been damaged by
 wear, tear, deterioration and depreci-
 ation to such an extent that the cost
 of repairs would exceed 50% of the
 value.
2. Secure permit before proceeding
 with the demolition of this building.
3. Provide a fence at front of build-
 ing at least 6'0" high and extending
 15'0" from front wall of building.
 Fence to be constructed of 2" plank
 with 4 x 4 uprights set not over 4'0"
 apart with 2 x 4 bracing and girts
 securely braced to prevent buckling
 or overturning.
4. Appear at this office within 24
 hours to show cause why complaint
 should not be entered in Traffic and
 Ordinance Court for failure to main-
 tain this property in a safe condition.

Sometime Tuesday, August 7, 1951,
 a portion of the third floor wall, ap-
 proximately 10 square feet in area,
 brick work of this wall fell on the
 roof of a two-story brick building at
 17 E. Woodbridge Street owned by
 the City of Detroit.

The owner of the building on Wood-
 ward Avenue is in Europe. A hearing
 was held in this office and the owner
 was represented by her sister, Mrs.

Ruby Brach, 473 Coplin (15) who has
 the power of attorney (15) who has
 absence. Mrs. Brach stated that her
 authority did not extend beyond that her
 repair work and she could not small
 pend the money which would be ex-
 quired to correct the dangerous be re-
 dition.

It is respectfully recommended that
 your Honorable Body direct the De-
 partment of Public Works to immed-
 ately proceed to dismantle and immed-
 move the third and fourth floors of
 this building and assess the cost
 thereof against the property.

Until this wall is removed, this
 Department has ordered the vacation
 of the second floor of the city owned
 building at 17 E. Woodbridge which
 is now occupied by both the Depart-
 ment of Public Works and the Civil
 Service Commission.

Very respectfully yours,
 JOSEPH P. WOLFF,
 Commissioner.

By Councilman Oakman:

Resolved, That the Dept. of Public
 Works be and it is hereby authorized
 and directed to immediately dismantle
 and remove the third and fourth
 floors of dangerous three and four
 story brick manufacturing building
 at 308-10 Woodward Ave., charging
 the cost of the work against the
 property.

Adopted as follows:
 Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor,
 Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell,
 Smith, Van Antwerp, and the Presi-
 dent—9.

Nays—None.

Reconsideration

Councilman Oakman moved to
 reconsider the vote by which the
 resolution was adopted.

Councilman Garlick moved to
 suspend Rule 23 for the purpose of
 indefinitely postponing the motion to
 reconsider, which motion prevailed
 as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor,
 Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell,
 Smith, Van Antwerp, and the Presi-
 dent—9.

Nays—None.

Councilman Kronk then moved
 that the motion to reconsider be in-
 definitely postponed, which motion
 prevailed.

The regular order was resumed.

City Plan Commission

August 10, 1951

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—There is returned here-
 with the request of the Board of Edu-
 cation for the opening of Davison
 Avenue between West Parkway and
 West Outer Drive in order to provide
 access to the Healy School located at
 the southeasterly corner of West Park-
 way and Davison as proposed

Investigation discloses that the Healy School, which is scheduled for opening in September, 1951, is an elementary school serving the area easterly and westerly of the Outer Drive in the vicinity of Schoolcraft Avenue; further, the children residing in the area to the east of the school will be forced to travel upwards of one-half mile additional distance in reaching this school unless some east and west street is opened westerly of the Outer Drive and northerly of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

Studies indicate that the Board of Education retained the northerly 50 feet of the prior site of the Healy School located on the westerly side of the Outer Drive directly in line of Davison Avenue extended easterly and further, their present site includes land extending to the northerly line of Davison Avenue if extended. The 600 feet of vacant land lying between the present and prior school site is owned by the Passionist Academic Institute. Efforts have been made to obtain a dedication of this parcel of land, and the attorneys for the owners advised their clients would dedicate this land provided they were relieved of the cost of constructing pavement and sidewalks in the proposed street adjacent to their property. The cost of such improvements would be in excess of the value of the land necessary to open the street, and acceptance of such a proposal would be contrary to established policy.

After careful consideration it is the opinion of the City Plan Commission that the opening of Davison Avenue, 50 feet wide, between the easterly line of West Parkway and the westerly line of West Outer Drive would constitute a necessary and beneficial local public improvement, and it is therefore recommended that deeds be accepted when presented for that portion of the land owned by the Board of Education and, further, that the necessary action be taken to open this street by condemnation; further, that the costs incident thereto be assessed against the benefitted property; all of the above being shown on the attached plan No. 936-1.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. F. EMERY,
Planning Director-Sec'y.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the deed of the Board of Education covering property for the opening of Davison Ave. between West Parkway and West Outer Drive be accepted when presented; and further

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to prepare the proper resolution for the opening of Davison Ave. between West Parkway and West Outer Drive, where not covered by the above dedi-

cation, to a width of 50 feet, in accordance with City Plan Commission plan No. 936-1, and submit same to this body for approval; and further

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel is directed to give this condemnation case top priority in order that the street may be opened and access provided to the Healy School.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

Detroit Housing Commission

August 6, 1951.

Honorable Common Council:

Re: Frederick Douglass Apartments (Mich. 1-8)—Bid Areas No. 2 and No. 3;

Edward J. Jeffries Homes (Mich. 1-7)—Bid Areas No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4, Architects Contract.

Gentlemen—In September, 1941, the Housing Commission, with the approval of your Honorable Body, entered into contracts for architectural services with Amedeo Leone, Associated with Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Inc., and C. Howard Crane Associates, for the Edward J. Jeffries Homes Project, Mich. 1-7 (1704 dwelling units), and with Alvin E. Harley, Associated with Harold S. Ellington and Clarence E. Day, for the Frederick Douglass Apartments Project, Mich. 1-8 (736 dwelling units).

Each project consisted of two-story row houses, three-story walk-up apartments and six-story elevator apartments, all completely fireproof and all heated from central heating plants. The drawings and specifications were completed and approved in late 1945. The Housing Act of 1949 reactivated the projects and Bid Area No. 1 of each project is now under contract.

After Bid Areas Nos. 1 were placed under contract, Bid Area No. 2 of Douglass Apartments was bid and found to cost more than \$2,490 per room, due, apparently, to increasing costs of labor and material. Bid Areas Nos. 2 and 3 of Jeffries Homes were bid a short time later and the low bid exceeded \$2,500 per room. It was then decided to abandon the plans and specifications and revise the type of construction as follows: two-story row houses to be of brick veneer, individually heated similar to FHA-608 projects, having three and four bedrooms, and 14-story apartments to be of fireproof construction containing all two-bedroom units.

Jeffries Homes, as revised, will have about 2,166 family dwelling units, an increase of 462 over the original 1,704. Douglass Apartments will have approximately 1,014 family dwelling