

**City Plan Commission**  
**May 23, 1958.**

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—As requested by the Department of Public Works, the City Plan Commission has investigated the possibility of opening Grandview Avenue between Shiawassee Avenue and Eight Mile Road.

The Department of Public Works is preparing plans for the paving of this street and would like the right-of-way extended through to Eight Mile Road. This would permit the entire street to be paved as one job thus effecting a greater saving to the City.

Our investigation discloses that the above described section of Grandview Avenue is improved with a gravel surface but that there is doubt as to whether or not it was ever actually dedicated. It was further disclosed that Shiawassee easterly of Grandview is only legally opened to a half width street but is being used as a full width right-of-way.

The owners of the property needed to widen Grandview and Shiawassee at this location have recently offered a Quit Claim Deed to the City of Detroit covering the land necessary for the east 30 feet of Grandview and the northerly 33 feet of Shiawassee.

The 30 foot wide strip of land needed for the east side of Grandview is an individual parcel of land held under separate ownership from property that normally should be the southeast corner of Eight Mile Road and Grandview. There are City and County Taxes due on this 30 foot strip in the amount of approximately \$26.00 and it is doubtful that they will be paid as the property is of no use to the owner because it is needed for the Grandview Avenue extension. The City probably will eventually acquire this 30 foot wide strip for non-payment of taxes or by condemnation proceedings. However, in both cases this would take considerable time and involve costs exceeding this amount.

The City Plan Commission is aware of the policy of your Honorable Body not to accept dedications of land with taxes or special assessments outstanding. However in this instance it appears that it would be to the financial advantage to the City of Detroit to divert from his policy as well as expediting the street widenings.

It is therefore recommended that the attached Quit Claim Deed be accepted upon approval of the City Engineer as to description and the Corporation Counsel as to form and execution. It is further recommended that the City taxes be canceled and the County taxes of approximately \$7.00 be paid by the Department of Public Works and that the City

Controller be authorized to provide the necessary funds.

The attached plan No. 1016-1 shows the land proposed to be dedicated for Grandview and Shiawassee.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER E. MUELLER for,

ARMIN A. ROEMER,

Assistant Director.

By Councilman Patrick:

Resolved, That quit claim deed of Bruce A. Banks and Wanda Banks, his wife, to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for street purposes (Grandview and Shiawassee aves.) described as:

"All that part of the NE ¼ of Sec. 5, T 1 S R 10 E, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, described as follows: beginning at a point distant 1314.80 ft. along the center line of Eight Mile Road W. and S. 1 deg. 11 min. 40 sec. E., 561.18 ft. from the N.E. corner of said ¼ section; thence along a line N. 53 deg. 53 min. 50 sec. W., 200.00 ft. to a point; thence along a line N 65 deg 09 min. 10 sec. W., 200.00 ft. to a point; thence along a line N. 72 deg. 38 min. 55 sec. W., 309.82 ft. to a point; thence along a line N. 76 deg. 43 min. 35 sec. W. 4.54 ft. to a point; thence along a line N 0 deg. 41 min 25 sec E., 145.51 ft. to a point in the south line of Eight Mile Road, 204 ft. wide; thence along the south line of said Eight Mile Road N. 88 deg. 20 min. 40 sec. E., 30.02 ft. to a point; thence along a line S. 0 deg 41 min. 25 sec. W., 120.63 ft. to a point; thence along a line S. 72 deg. 38 min. 55 sec. E., 296.67 ft. to a point; thence along a line S. 65 deg. 09 min. 10 sec. E., 205.42 ft. to a point; thence along a line S. 53 deg. 53 min 50 sec E., 178.11 ft. to a point; thence along a line S. 1 deg. 11 min. 40 sec. E., 41.48 ft. to the place of beginning"

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

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the outstanding general city taxes levied against the above-described property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Lincoln Patrick, Rogell, Smith, Wise and President Pro Tem Van Antwerp—7.  
 Nays—None.

**Civic Center Commission**

June 11, 1958.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—In the Contract Documents pertaining to the erection of the Cobo Hall Superstructure which is now under way, a schedule commitment had been made to the effect that the major Electrical and Mechanical Contracts would be