

WHEREAS, In the past, these auctions have been held at the Detroit Police Department gym and, more recently auctions have been held at Cobo Center, but now many of these auctions are being held outside the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Holding these auctions outside the City of Detroit creates a transportation hardship to the citizens of the City who should have ready and easy access to the items being offered at these auctions; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council objects to holding the Police Department auctions of confiscated items outside the City of Detroit and strongly urges the Police Department and the Finance Department to hold all future auctions within the City of Detroit; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That Detroit City Council directs the City Clerk to a send copy of this adopted resolution to the Honorable Kwame Kilpatrick, Detroit Police Chief Ella Bully-Cummings, and the Finance Department Director, Roger Short.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members S. Cockrel, Collins, Conyers, Jones, Kenyatta, Reeves, Tinsley-Talabi, Watson, and President K. Cockrel, Jr. — 9.

Nays — None.

\*WAIVER OF RECONSIDERATION (No. 10) per motions before adjournment.

#### **RESOLUTION TO RE-OPEN SEWARD AVENUE AT WOODWARD AVENUE**

By COUNCIL MEMBER COLLINS:

WHEREAS, The General Motors Corporation petitioned the Detroit City Council for the closure of Seward Avenue at Woodward Avenue to vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, After many years of closure, residents and businesses have been burdened by many impediments caused by the closure of Seward Avenue at Woodward Avenue; and

WHEREAS, One major impediment involves the Detroit Fire Department's inability to adequately reach dwellings in a timely manner, primarily due to the fact that their only means of gaining access to Seward Avenue is to back in by way of 2nd Street; and

WHEREAS, Such an impediment of the Detroit Fire Department could result in serious injury to persons up to and including death; and

WHEREAS, The General Motors Corporation has vacated its headquarters on W. Grand Blvd. And moved to a downtown location, the Renaissance Center; and

WHEREAS, The residents of the Seward Avenue Block Club have requested the re-opening of Seward Avenue at Woodward Avenue without objection from interested parties; and

WHEREAS, The City of Detroit's Department of Public Works has indicated no objection other than the cost involved for re-opening Seward Avenue to vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Seward Avenue never requested the closing of Seward Avenue to vehicular traffic and were affected negatively as a result of the closing, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council approves petition #3919 of the Seward Block Club that request the re-opening of Seward Avenue at Woodward Avenue to vehicular traffic and hereby directs the Department of Public Works to re-open Seward Avenue at Woodward Avenue; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council, as authorized by Section 50-7-2 of the Detroit City Code, directs DPW to waive the reimbursement cost to the Seward Block Club for the re-opening of Seward Avenue at Woodward Avenue.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members S. Cockrel, Collins, Conyers, Jones, Kenyatta, Reeves, Tinsley-Talabi, Watson, and President K. Cockrel, Jr. — 9.

Nays — None.

#### **RESOLUTION**

By COUNCIL MEMBER TINSLEY-TALABI:

WHEREAS, The curbs located at the southeast quadrant of the Jefferson Avenue and Randolph Street intersection are unusually high; and

WHEREAS, Large numbers of pedestrians regularly traverse across Randolph Street at this intersection in spite of posted signs redirecting pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, The unusually high curbs present a trip hazard to pedestrians at this crossing; and

WHEREAS, Installing curb cuts would facilitate safe and expedient pedestrian crossing; and

WHEREAS, Installing curb cuts would make the intersection compliant with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That curb cuts be installed at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Randolph Street to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and facilitate safe pedestrian crossing.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members S. Cockrel, Collins, Conyers, Jones, Kenyatta, Reeves, Tinsley-Talabi, Watson, and President K. Cockrel, Jr. — 9.

Nays — None.

#### **RESOLUTION**

By COUNCIL MEMBER WATSON:

WHEREAS, Section 679a of the Michigan Election Law, being MCL 168.679a, provides that a legislative body