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**Community & Economic Development Department**

September 27, 1977

Honorable City Council:

Re: Major Retail Center Improvements. Petition by the Community and Economic Development Department Requesting Approval to Install Decorative Paving, Trees, Canopies, Enclosed Pedestrian Overpasses and Other Appurtenances in the Public Right-of-way in the Project areas.

On January 5, 1977 (J.C.C. p. 51), your Honorable Body authorized the Community and Economic Development Department and Mayor Coleman A. Young to accept and appropriate \$22,413,433 of Public Works Employment Act Grants. Of this

amount \$4,629,143 was to be used for the improvement in the following four Major Retail Centers:

- Grand River/Oakman
- Grand River/Greenfield
- Woodward/Grand Boulevard
- Gratiot/7 Mile

A common design treatment in the four centers is the installation of trees, decorative tree well grillwork, decorative paving planters, benches, screening walls, lighting and canopies. Enclosed pedestrian overpasses are proposed for the Grand River/Oakman and the Grand River/Greenfield areas. All of these elements constitute encroachments in the public right-of-way.

Under the provisions of Ordinance 190-H, City Council approval is required to construct canopies over street or boulevard right-of-way's.

The City of Detroit has petitioned

the State of Michigan and the County of Wayne to permit encroachments in the thoroughfares over which the respective authorities have jurisdiction. The encroachment permits from the two agencies are subject to your Honorable Body's concurrence of the proposed improvement plans.

The initial construction and landscaping will be done as a public improvement with the Public Works funds. Because of the importance of these retail areas to the economic stability of retail areas outside the Central Business District, it is recommended that the City Departments be responsible for assuring that future maintenance is consistent with the original plans and construction.

The design plans for the four Major Retail Centers have been reviewed and approved by all concerned City Departments and public utilities.

Therefore, C&EDD hereby respectfully petitions your Honorable Body for approval to the encroachment in the public right-of-way's subject to State and County approval. A resolution for your action is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,  
RONALD J. HEWITT  
Director

By Council Member Kelley:

RESOLVED, That the Community and Economic Development Department is hereby authorized to plant trees, install decorative tree well grates and paving, construct canopies and enclosed pedestrian overpasses and install any other appurtenances as approved within the Four Major Retail Area Public Works Project. Subject areas include:

**Grand River/Greenfield**

Both sides of Grand River from Forrer Street which is the western boundary east to approximately 1100 feet east of Whitcomb Avenue (the eastern end of the old Penny's Store).

Both sides of Greenfield from Kendall Street, which is the northern boundary, south to Acacia Avenue the southern boundary.

**Grand River/Oakman**

Both sides of Grand River from the GTRR tracks, the eastern boundary, west to Cloverlawn, the western boundary.

The median strip on Oakman Boulevard from Elmhurst Avenue on the north to Roselawn Avenue on the south.

**Gratiot/Seven Mile**

Both sides of Gratiot Avenue from Fordham Avenue which is the southern boundary north to Cappin Street the northern boundary, east and west

to the alley to every intersection street.

Additionally, Maddelein Street from the alley behind west side of Gratiot Avenue westerly 300 feet.

**Woodward/Grand Boulevard**

East side of Woodward from Baltimore to Custer. West side of Woodward from Baltimore to Lothrop. South side of Woodward from John R to Sterling. North side of Woodward from John R to Byron.

Such plantings and treatments to be constructed with Public Works Employment Act Grants according to plans approved by all concerned City Departments and Public Utilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this encroachment in the public right-of-way's be approved subject to the approval of the State of Michigan and the County of Wayne in the thoroughfares over which these agencies have jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the departments concerned shall be responsible for assuring that future repair and maintenance of the aforementioned improvements shall be consistent with the original plans and construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Ronald J. Hewitt, Director of the Community and Economic Development Department is authorized to sign a Revocable Permit to Maintain Encorachment Within a County Road. Approved:

ROGER E. CRAIG  
Law Department

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, Eberhard, Henderson, Hood, Kelley, Mahaffey, Rogell, and President Levin — 8.

Nays — None.

**Community & Economic Development Department**

October 11, 1977

Honorable City Council:

The Community & Economic Development Department recommends acceptance of Offers to Purchase City-owned property in accordance with the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,  
RONALD J. HEWITT  
Director

By Council Member Rogell:

Re: Sale of Property — Vacant Lot, West side of Pinehurst, between Wadsworth and Foley.

WHEREAS, the Community & Economic Development Department (CEDD) has received, and recommends acceptance of, an Offer to Purchase in the amount of \$400 cash,