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Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members S. Cockrel, Collins, Jones, Kenyatta, Reeves, Tinsley-Talabi, and President K. Cockrel, Jr. — 7.

Nays — Council Members Watson, and Conyers — 2.

**Finance Department
Purchasing Division**

September 20, 2007

Honorable City Council:

The Purchasing Division of the Finance Department recommends Contracts with the following firms or persons:

Respectfully submitted,
AUDREY P. JACKSON

Director
Purchasing Division
Finance Department

By Council Member Collins:

2741062—Furnish: Payment for Telephone Maintenance and Repair Services for Fort & Milwaukee Location for the period from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2009, in accordance with the maintenance agreement — Technology Solutions, LLC, 32320 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48254 — Amount: \$97,998.00 (for entire contract). **DWDD**.

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By Council Member Collins:

2740551—To provide an extension of the contract to furnish Check Processing and Individual Training Account Services for grant program recipients on a month-to-month basis for a period of nine (9) months, beginning August 1, 2007. This procurement was originally approved under purchase order #2729449 approved by City Council on February 28, 2007. This new purchase order was issued due to technical problems generated in Oracle — Ceridian, 26100 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. #1100, Southfield, MI 48076 — Total Estimated Amount: \$99,200.00. **DWDD**.

2719136—100% Federal Funding — Professional Services — Public Services — The Safe Center, 11241 Gunston, Detroit, MI 48213 — From: October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 — Not to exceed: \$50,000.00. **P&DD**.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members S. Cockrel, Collins, Kenyatta, Reeves, Tinsley-Talabi, Watson, Conyers, and President K. Cockrel, Jr. — 8.

Nays — Council Member Watson — 1.

City Planning Commission

September 24, 2007

Honorable City Council:

Re: Request of the MGM Grand Detroit to install a video screen on the exterior of the permanent casino parking garage and Petition (#1551) of Dickinson Wright PLLC — MGM Grand Detroit, LLC for approval of easement to public sidewalks and wheel-chair ramps installation and adjacent Third Avenue encroachments allowing decorative paving and directional signage in the right-of-way (Recommend Approval).

The MGM Grand casino is getting ready to open its permanent casino complex. As a part of this, several items require Council approval. They include the operation of the video screen (currently being installed) as an animated sign, easements to public sidewalks, and directional signage in the Third Avenue right-of-way.

The MGM Grand Detroit is in the process of installing a large video screen at the eastern end of the northern face of its parking structure for the permanent casino. This is considered a business sign under the zoning ordinance, as it would only promote businesses located on the premises. The zoning of this site is SD5 (Special Development District, Casinos). A building permit was issued for that screen under the condition that the image displayed on the screen could be changed no more than three times per day.

Concurrent with the erection of that sign, MGM applied for, and was denied by the Traffic Engineering Division (TED) of the Department of Public Works (DPW), a permit to operate the screen with a much higher image change rate, which would make it an "animated sign" in the City Code. MGM requested to operate the sign in a manner similar to the video billboards that have recently been erected along freeways across the metropolitan area, with the image changing at a rate no more frequently than every six seconds. TED denied it because of concern that the changing images could pose a distraction to drivers. Sec. 3-1-2 (c) of City Code states "No sign containing an animated or moving feature, either mechanical, electrical or by changing illumination, shall be erected or operated and no existing sign shall be altered or changed so as to contain such animation where visible to freeway traffic, except with specific approval by the Department of Public Works Traffic

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Engineering Division as to the form and plan of operation so as not to create a hazard to vehicular traffic." MGM Grand appealed the denial to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), as it is allowed to do under Sec. 3-1-2 (d) of the City Code. On August 28, 2007, the BZA heard the appeal and overturned the denial.

Per Sec. 61-6-119 of the City Code, animated signs may be permitted on land zoned SD5, subject to site plan review and approval by City Council. Attached is a resolution for your consideration for the approval of the requested animated sign.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

Video Screen

The video screen is 27 feet by 50 feet in size. It is mounted approximately 42 feet above the ground, facing the I-75 Fisher Freeway. It would also be visible from southbound Third Avenue. Above the screen are the words "MGM Grand" and below it is a decorative graphic. City Council approved a general concept for signage when rezoning for MGM was approved in 2003.

Widened Sidewalks and Wheelchair ramps

Per the request of TED, MGM is installing additional wheelchair ramps and widened sidewalks. As there is no room for these amenities in the public right-of-way, MGM is providing the City with an easement for public use of these amenities to be constructed by MGM on its property.

Decorative Paving

MGM desires to install decorative granite pavers around the hotel in the area of Third Avenue and Bagley Avenue. These would encroach several feet into the public right-of-way. They would be at the same level as the sidewalk and should not be a safety hazard. This requires an encroachment permit approved by your Honorable Body.

Signs in the Third Avenue Median

MGM also desires to place two directional signs on the Third Avenue median in front of the casino to direct patrons to the entrances to the casino complex. The Board of Zoning Appeals, at the same hearing when the animated sign was reviewed, approved these signs. Signs in the median, which is public right-of-way, require an encroachment permit from City Council.

REVIEW

City Planning Commission (CPC) staff has reviewed the proposed sign. The safety issue was the only one that gave CPC staff pause in considering this sign; and in light of BZA's overturning of TED's objections, staff finds no inconsistency with City Code provisions. It will not be used for off-premises advertising and will only promote the businesses that are a

part of the casino complex. The video screen seems to be consistent with the overall character of the casino complex.

CPC staff has also reviewed the encroachments granted to the City for public improvements and requested for decorative paving and placing signs on public property. There is no apparent problem with these requests, and furthermore, the BZA approved the signs in the public median.

RECOMMENDATION

CPC staff has completed its review of the proposed operation of the sign. As previously mentioned, we feel that the proposed operation of the sign will be consistent with the character of the casino complex. Furthermore, the items that are the subject of petition #1551 do not appear to present a detriment to the City. Therefore, staff recommends approval.

Please find attached the appropriate resolution to effectuate the recommendation for the animated sign. The DPW — City Engineering Division will provide the resolution regarding the encroachments under separate cover.

Respectfully submitted,
MARCELL R. TODD, JR.

Director

GREGORY F. MOOTS

Staff

By Council Member Collins:

Whereas, The MGM Grand Detroit casino, located at 1777 Third Avenue desires to operate the previously approved video sign (Permit number MRC2007-08389) located at the north-east corner of its parking structure in a manner that makes it an animated sign under Sec. 3-1-2 (c) of the City Code; and

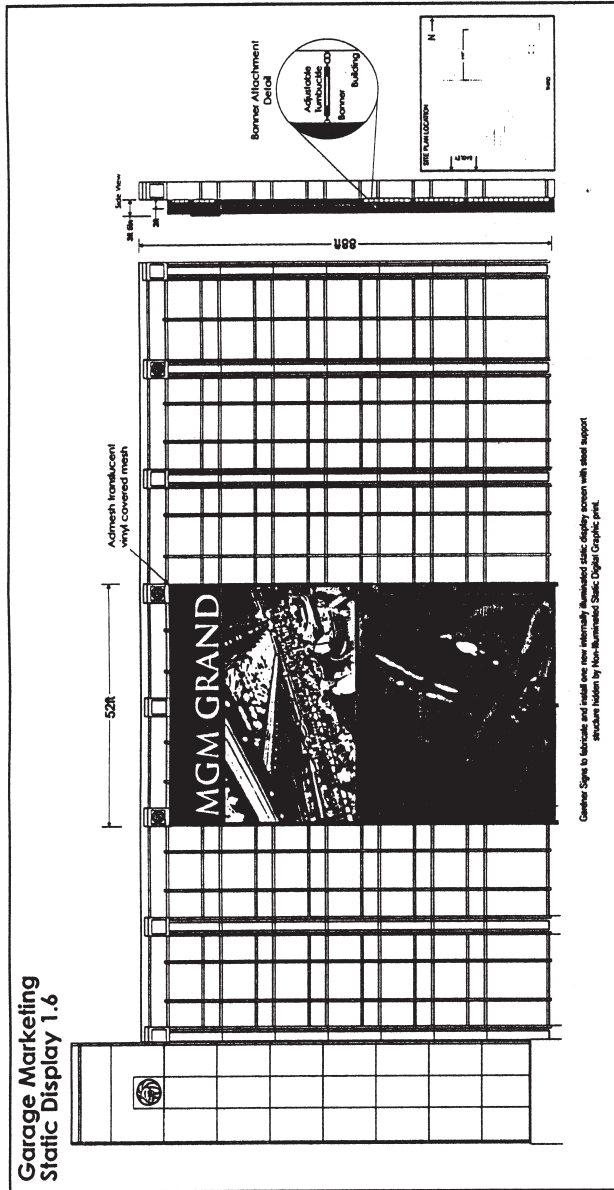
Whereas, The building is subject to provisions of Section 61-6-119, which allows animated signs in the SD5 (Special Development District, Casinos) only upon the approval of City Council; and

Whereas, The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) overturned the prior denial by the Buildings and Safety Engineering Department of the operation of the sign in case number 47-07; and

Whereas, The staff of the City Planning Commission has reviewed the proposal in order to ensure that the proposed sign operation is consistent with the character of the casino complex;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Detroit City Council hereby approves the animated sign as shown in the drawing dated January 15, 2007 and prepared by Gardner Signs; and

Be It Further Resolved, That, per the approval of the BZA the images shown on the sign may not change at a rate greater than once per every six (6) seconds.



Gardner Signs to fabricate and install one new internally illuminated static display screen with steel support structure hidden by Non-Illuminated Static Digital Graphic panel.

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CURR: MGCA Grand
 PROJECT: James LED Display
 LOCATION: Detroit MI
 APPROVAL: Scott Gardner
 APPROVAL: _____
 DATE: 11/26/07
 DESIGN: 4/18/1
 REVISED: 07/17/07.dwg
 SCALE: 1/16"=1"

Gardner signs
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 Troy, MI 48063
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 (248) 859-8101
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 Detroit, MI 48216
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Planning & Development Department
 August 30, 2007

Honorable City Council:
 Re: Surplus Property Sale — Vacant Land — 18004 and 18008 Van Dyke.
 The City of Detroit acquired as tax

reverted property from the State of Michigan, 18004 and 18008 Van Dyke located on the East side of Van Dyke, between Orion and Emily. This property consists of vacant land measuring approximately 4,000 square feet and is zoned B-4 (General Business District).
 The purchaser proposes to continue using the paved parking lot for the congregation of the adjacent Church located at 18040 Van Dyke. This use is permitted as a matter of right in a B-4 zone.
 We request your Honorable Body's

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approval to accept the Offer to Purchase from St. Petka's Serbian Orthodox Church-Vratnica, a Michigan Ecclesiastical Corporation, for the sales price of \$4,000.00 on a cash basis plus an \$18.00 deed recording fee.

Respectfully submitted,
CHIDI NYECHE
Executive Manager

Real Estate Development Division
By Council Member Collins:

Resolved, That the Planning and Development Department is hereby authorized to accept this Offer to Purchase for property described on the tax roll as:

Land in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne and State of Michigan being Lots 10, 11; "Hodge Estate Subdivision" of part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 10, T. 1 S., R. 12 East, lying West of Grand Trunk R. R., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan. Rec'd L. 50, P. 65 Plats, Wayne County Records. and be it further

Resolved, That the Planning and Development Department Director or his authorized designee is hereby authorized to issue a Quit Claim Deed to the purchaser, St. Petka's Serbian Orthodox Church-Vratnica, a Michigan Ecclesiastical Corporation, upon receipt of the sales price of \$4,000.00 and the deed recording fee in accordance with the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays — None.

Planning & Development Department

August 30, 2007

Honorable City Council:

Re: Cancellation of Sale — (E) Woodrow, between McGraw and Cobb Pl., a/k/a 5664, 5672, 5678 and 5684 Woodrow.

On November 16, 2005, (J.C.C. Pages 3395-3396) your Honorable Body authorized the sale of property located at 5664, 5672, 5678 and 5684 Woodrow to Sherron Baker, for the sale price of \$2,800.00.

Since that time the purchaser has failed to comply with the terms of the sale.

Therefore, your Honorable Body is requested to authorized the Planning and Development Director to cancel the sale due to nonpayment of the sales price.

Respectfully submitted,
CHIDI NYECHE
Executive Manager

Real Estate Development Division
By Council Member Collins:

Resolved, That the Offer to Purchase property described on the tax rolls as:

5664, 5672, 5678 and 5684 Woodrow. submitted by Sherron Baker, be cancelled and be it further

Resolved, That the Planning and Development Department Director or his

authorized designee be authorized to declare the sale cancelled.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays — None.

Planning & Development Department

August 30, 2007

Honorable City Council:

Re: Cancellation of Sale — (W) Liver-
nois, between Barlum and Willette,
a/k/a 6316 and 6318 Willette.

On February 16, 2005, (D.L.N., February 22, 2005, Page 7), your Honorable Body authorized the sale of property located at 6316 and 6318 Willette to Ali Sobh, for the sales price of \$3,300.00.

Since that time the purchaser has failed to comply with the terms of the sale.

Therefore, your Honorable Body is requested to authorized the Planning and Development Director to cancel the sale due to nonpayment of the sales price.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIDI NYECHE
Executive Manager

Real Estate Development Division
By Council Member Collins:

Resolved, That the Offer to Purchase property described on the tax rolls as:

6316 and 6318 Willette.

submitted by Ali Sobh, be cancelled and be it further

Resolved, That the Planning and Development Department Director or his authorized designee be authorized to declare the sale cancelled.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays — None.

Planning & Development Department

August 31, 2007

Honorable City Council:

Re: Cancellation of Sale — (S) Longview
between Dickerson and Park a/k/a
12710 Longview.

On January 24, 2007, (D.L.N., February 20, 2007, Page 11), your Honorable Body authorized the sale of property located at 12710 Longview to Clairmount Development Company, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Company, for the sales price of \$14,150.00.

Since that time the purchaser has failed to comply with the terms of the sale.

Therefore, your Honorable Body is requested to authorized the Planning and Development Director to cancel the sale due to nonpayment of the sales price.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIDI NYECHE
Executive Manager

Real Estate Development Division