

such parts of the building as will be convenient to themselves and easy of access to the general public.

Your committee therefore recommend that the Controller be instructed to secure the keys of all the offices, court rooms, etc., now occupied by the county in this building and keep the same in his possession until otherwise instructed by this body, and that he allow no one to occupy any of said offices, etc., during said period.

Respectfully submitted,

H. F. LIPHARDT,
MAX C. KOCH,
WM. C. HOUGHTON,
HENRY A. WEBER.

Accepted and adopted.

Taxes.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Taxes, to whom was referred the communication from the Receiver of Taxes relative to certain personal taxes assessed against the Detroit United Railway and Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Co., for the years 1899, 1900 and 1901, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and upon investigation find that certain personal taxes were levied against the Detroit United Railway, formerly known as the Grand River Avenue Street Railway Co., for the year 1900, amounting to \$31,956 96 and for the year 1901 amounting to \$33,036 52; also against the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Co., for the year 1899, amounting to \$2,171 18, and for the year 1901 amounting to \$19,906 50; that we are informed by the Corporation Counsel that all of the above assessments have been declared invalid by the Supreme Court and therefore are uncollectable and should be stricken from the rolls.

Your committee therefore recommend that the Receiver of Taxes be instructed to cancel the aforesaid assessments and herewith offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. F. MOELLER,
EDWARD WILDMAN,
WM. W. MAGEE,
BASIL A. LEMKE.

Accepted and on leave the following resolution was offered.

By Ald. Moeller:

Resolved, That the Receiver of Taxes be and he is authorized and instructed to cancel the personal tax assessments levied against the Detroit United Railway system, formerly known as the Grand River Street Railway Co., for the years 1900 and 1901, and also the personal taxes levied against the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Co. for the years 1899 and 1901, the same having been declared invalid and uncollectable by the Supreme Court.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Beamer, Campbell, Codd, Haarer, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Moeller, Mohn Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman, and the President.

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Nays—None.

Street Openings.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of C. H. Ritter & Co. for the opening of Stanton avenue, from McGraw to Milwaukee avenues, respectfully report that we have carefully considered same, have listened to the arguments of the petitioners, have personally investigated the proposed opening, and have come to the conclusion that a public necessity exists for the opening of said thoroughfare between the points hereinbefore mentioned, and we therefore recommend that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to prepare the proper resolutions for the opening of said street between the above mentioned points where not already opened.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEATING,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
EDWIN JEROME,
LOUIS E. TOSSY,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of August Baranowski et al. for the opening of Horatio street from Wesson avenue to westerly city limits, respectfully report that we have carefully considered same and after personal investigation have come to the conclusion that no public necessity exists for the opening of the aforesaid street as petitioned for.

We therefore recommend that the prayers of the petitioners be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEATING,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
EDWIN JEROME,
LOUIS E. TOSSY,
M. W. M'GUIRE.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of Simon J. Murphy et al. for the vacation of part of an alley in block bounded by Twelfth, Calumet, Canfield and Avery avenues, and for the acceptance of deeds of land to be used for alley purposes in lieu thereof, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the matter and beg leave to state the following: The petitioners are the owners of certain property lying in the block bounded by Twelfth street, Canfield, Calumet and Avery avenues; that some years ago when Canfield avenue was opened a portion of a public alley was taken for said opening and a strip of land 25 feet in width and 129.39 feet in length lying south of Canfield avenue and abutting upon lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block 11, of the plat of Avery and Murphy's sub., etc., still appears upon the records as a public alley which is hereinafter more particularly described; that said strip of land is of no particular use or benefit to the city, and in lieu of its vacation the adjoining property owners will dedicate to the city an alley 20 feet in width, midway between Canfield and Calumet

avenues, which request your committee consider reasonable.

Your committee therefore recommend that said strip of land be vacated and that the deeds tendered in lieu of said vacation be approved by the Committee on Ways and Means, to which committee we recommend such reference, and therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEATING,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
EDWIN JEROME,
LOUIS E. TOSSY,
M. W. MCGUIRE.

Accepted, and on leave the following resolution was offered:
By Ald. Keating:

Resolved, That the strip of land more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of lot one (1), block eleven (11) of the plat of Avery and Murphy's subdivision of outlots eight (8) and nine (9), Lognon farm, and outlots 100, 101, 104, 105, and the northerly 358.64 feet of outlot 106 and the westerly 71 feet of outlot 97, Woodbridge farm, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in liber nine (9), page 42 of plats, Register of Deed's office; thence north twenty-two degrees twenty-three (23) minutes, west twenty-five (25) feet to the south line of Canfield avenue, as opened; thence north sixty-seven (67) degrees and twenty minutes east along the south line of Canfield avenue 129.22 feet; thence south twenty-two (22) degrees (47) forty-seven minutes east twenty-five feet to the northeast corner of lot numbered four (4) of the above subdivision; thence south sixty-seven degrees twenty (20) minutes west 129.39 feet along the northerly line of lots four (4), three (3), two (2) and one (1) of the above subdivision to the place of beginning, be and the same is hereby vacated. Provided, however, the warranty deeds of Simon J. Murphy et al. and J. C. Hardy et al. to the City of Detroit of certain property to be used for alley purposes are approved by the Committee on Ways and Means and accepted by the Common Council, to which committee we recommend their reference.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Ald. Beamer, Campbell Codd, Haarer, Hillger, Houghton, Jerome, Joy, Keating, Koch, Koenig, Lemke, Liphardt, McGuire, Magee, Moeller, Mohn, Nevermann, Reinhardt, Rutter, Snow, Steiger, Tossy, Weber, Weibel, Weiler, Wildman and the President—28.

Nays—None.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the petition of F. D. Frankhouse, et al., for the opening of Norton Street from Hammond Avenue across railroad right of way, respectfully report that we have carefully considered the same, have visited the premises and have come to the conclusion that a public necessity exists for the opening of said thoroughfare between the points hereinbefore mentioned, and we therefore recommend that the Corporation Council be instructed to prepare the proposition for the opening of said

street between the above mentioned points where not already opened.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEATING,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
EDWIN JEROME,
LOUIS E. TOSSY,
M. W. MCGUIRE.

Laid on table.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the resolution of Ald. Beamer, requesting this committee to consider the advisability of opening Brush Street 60 feet wide instead of 80 feet wide, beg leave to report that we have given the matter our careful consideration and have come to the conclusion that a 60 foot street will be just as beneficial as an 80 foot street, and at the same time save the city thousands of dollars in damages.

We therefore recommend that the Corporation Council be instructed to open said thoroughfare 60 feet wide instead of 80 feet wide between the points previously agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEATING,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
EDWIN JEROME,
LOUIS E. TOSSY,
M. W. MCGUIRE.

Accepted and adopted.

FROM THE SAME.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Street Openings, to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Assessors, transmitting assessment roll No. 146, for defraying a part of the expense and cost of taking private property for the opening and extending of Twenty-third Street, from River to Fort Streets, beg leave to report that we have given the same our most careful consideration, have listened to the arguments pro and con and have come to the conclusion that it would be unwise to adopt the assessment roll made and prepared in reference to this street, a slight error having been found in the assessment district.

We therefore recommend that the resolution offered by Ald. Keating at a session held June 10, 1902, (J. C. C. p. 549), confirming the assessment roll for the opening of Twenty-third Street be indefinitely postponed, and further recommend that the resolution presented by Ald. Keating at a session held on May 20 ult. (J. C. C. p. 479), confirming the assessment district for the opening of Twenty-third Street from River to Fort Streets be rescinded, and therefore offer the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. KEATING,
JOHN J. STEIGER,
EDWIN JEROME,
LOUIS E. TOSSY,
M. W. MCGUIRE.

Accepted and recommendation concurred in, and on leave the following resolution was offered:

By Ald. Keating:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this body at a session held on May 20th ult. (J. C. C. p. 479), describing the property taken in the assessment district for the opening of Twenty-third Street, from Fort to River