claiming refund on general taxes, and Motor City Lodge No. 962 of The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of The World (8845), for exemption of taxes After consultation with the Board of Assessors, and careful consideration of the matters, your committee recommends that the requests be denied.

Respectfully submitted, EUGENE I. VAN ANTWERP, Chairman.

Accepted and adopted.

Vacation of Alley

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—To your Committee of the Whole was referred petition of the Nottingham Land Co. et al (1533), for the vacation of the north and south public alley in the block bounded by Steel, Sorrento, Chippewa and Norfolk Aves., the city to retain the center 12 ft. as an easement for public utilities. After consultation with the City Plan Commission, and careful consideration of the request, your committee recommends that same be granted in accordance with the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted, EUGENE I. VAN ANTWERP, Chairman.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That all of north and south public alley 18 feet wide in block bounded by Sorrento, Steel, Chippewa and Norfolk Avenues, more particularly described as all that part of said north and south public alley lying between the easterly line of lots 3502, 3503, 3505, 3506, 3507, lots 3509 to 3520, both inclusive, and the westerly line of lots 3553 to 3564, both inclusive, lots 3566, 3567, 3568, 3570, 3571, all of Blackstone Park Subdivision No. 6 of part of the N. ½ of Sec. 5, T. 1 S., R. 11 E., Greenfield Twp., Wayne Co., Mich., as recorded in Liber 52, page 91 of Plats of Wayne County Records. Also the westerly 9 feet of said north and south public alley lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of lots 3504 and 3508 of last mentioned subdivision.

Also the easterly 9 feet of said north and south public alley lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of lot 3565 of last mentioned subdivision.

Also the easterly 9 feet of said north and south public alley lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of lot 3569 of last mentioned subdivision,

Be and the same are hereby vacated to become parts and parcels of the adjoining property,

Provided, the owners in fee grant to the use of the public as public as public the rear 6 feet adjoining son, as joit tenants, as fee of adjoining property.

vacated, which easement shall be subjected to the following agreements, covenants, uses, reservations and regulations which shall be observed by the owners of said lots heretofore mentioned and by their grantees and assigns and their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns forever, to-wit:

First, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public an easement or right of way over said rear 6 feet of said vacated alleys herein described for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing or replacing any sewer conduit, telephone, telegraph, electric light or other poles or things usually placed or installed in a public alley in the City of Detroit with the right of ingress and egress at any time to and over said easement for the purposes above set forth.

Second, said owners, for their heirs and assigns, further agree that no buildings or structures of any kind whatsoever (except the necessary line fences dividing said lots) shall be built or placed upon said 12-foot easement or any part thereof so that said easement shall be forever of easy access for the purposes above named,

Third, that said easement shall be used for the same purposes for which public alleys are generally used in the City of Detroit excepting that same shall not be opened for the passage of vehicles therein and further

Provided, that by reason of the vacation of the above described alley the City of Detroit does not waive any rights in the lateral sewer located therein and at all times shall have the right to enter upon the premises if found necessary on account of said sewer to repair same, and further

Provided, petitioners reimburse the owners to the extent of the value of any utilities now installed in said alley which it may be necessary to abandon due to the closing of same or bear the entire expense of relocating or rerouting any public utilities in said alley which it may be necessary to relocate or reroute due to the closing of same, and further

Provided, petitioners deposit with the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$49.68, said amount being the estimated cost for building concrete sidewalks across vacated alley intersections at Chippewa and Norfolk Avenues, and further

Resolved, that upon compliance with the above provisos the City Controller be and is hereby directed to issue Quit Claim Deeds to Nottingham Land Company, a Michigan corporation, Ophelia M. Jordan, Herbert A. Samuelson and Helen B. Samuelson, as joit tenants, as owners in fee of adjoining property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas-Councilmen Dingeman, Garlick, Dorais, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the Presi-Hamilton, dent-8.

Nays-None.

Vacation of Alley

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen-To your Committee of the Whole was referred petition of B. A. Murback et al (6003), for the vacation of the east and west alley in the block bounded by Vernor Highway, Fourth, Fifth and Henry Sts. After consultation with the City Plan Commission, and careful consideration of the request, your committee recommends that same be granted accordance with the following resolution.

> Respectfully submitted, EUGENE I. VAN ANTWERP, Chairman.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, that all of east and west public alley, 17 feet wide lying in block bounded by Fifth Street, Fourth Avenue, Vernor Highway and Henry Street more particularly described as the southerly 8.5 feet of said east and west public alley lying north of and adjoining the northerly line of Lots 7 and 8 Block 66 of Plat of Sub'n. of the Jones Farm South of Grand River Road as recorded in Liber 1, Page 184 of Plats of Wayne County Records.

Also the northerly 8.5 feet of said east and west public alley lying south of and adjoining the southerly line of Lots 9 and 10 Block 66 of last mentioned Subdivision.

Be and the same are hereby vacated to become parts and parcels of the

adjoining property.

Provided, that by reason of the vacation of the above described alley the City of Detroit does not waive any right in the lateral sewer located therein and at all times shall have the right to enter upon the premises if found necessary on account of said sewer to repair same and provided further, that petitioner, his heirs or assigns shall not build over the above described alley without first securing the approval of the City Engineer and the Board of Health, and further

Provided, Petitioners pay to the City Treasurer the sum of \$39.70, to reimburse the City for the cost of paving the alley intersection at the alley herein vacated, said sum to be a sum of the cost of paving the sum of the cost o credited to General Road Fund Reve-

nue, and further

Resolved, that upon compliance with the above provisos, the City Controller be and is hereby directed to issue Quit Claim Deeds to the First National Bank, Detroit, a U. S. Banking Corporation and to Benjamin A. Murback and Marguerite Murback,

his wife, as owners in fee of adjoining property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, orais, Ewald, Garlick Hamus, Dorais, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the Presi-Hamilton, dent-8.

Nays-None.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Whereas, May 30th and July 4th fall on Thursday this year, and Whereas, the granting of leaves of absence to city employes on Friday, May 31st or July 5th would permit them to have a long week-end, therefore be it

Resolved, that the City Departments be and they are hereby requested, so far as possible, to arrange a schedule whereby each employee will be given a leave of absence on May 31st or July 5th.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, Dorais, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton. Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the President-8.

Nays-None.

RESOLUTIONS

By Councilman Hamilton:

Resolved, That the City Plan Commission and Corporation Counsel be and they are hereby instructed prepare zoning ordinances complying with the provisions of the proposed general zoning ordinance, to cover the property on Parker ave. between Jefferson and Lafayette aves, and all streets east of Parker ave. to and including Burns ave., between Jefferson and Mack aves., and the property be-tween Jefferson ave. and the Detroit River from Piper to Philip aves. in-

clusive, and further
Resolved, That the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering be and it is hereby authorized and directed not to issue any building permits for these districts which do not conform to the provisions of the proposed general zoning ordinance.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, orals, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Dorais, Ewald, Garlick, named Lodge, Van Antwerp, and the Presi-

Nays—None.

By Councilman Lodge:

Whereas, the Detroit Free Press, celebrated on May 5, the 109th year of its existence; and,

Whereas, this historic institution of journalism has been on guard to preserve and to protect the best interests of our community—even before Michigan was entered in to the Union as a state; and,

Whereas, the time has now come when Edward D. Stair, who has