

Taxes

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—To your Committee of the Whole were referred petitions of H. P. Adams (9112), Advanced Fire-place & Supply Co. (8917), Antiquary Home (9086), Arctic Fur Shop (9181) W. J. Broderick (9025), Roy Buell (8965), Donald Burdue (9183), The Crest Company (9186), David Davidson (9190), H. R. Dobbie-Wood Co. (8968), Abraham R. Fellman (9099), A. Goloda (8599), Grand Auto Replacement Parts, Inc. (9028), Hastings & Erskine Market (9029), Hotel Capitol (9039), Ideal Creamery Co., Inc. (9115), Lena Kane (9032), W. S. King (9198), Pharelde Laridon (9199), Albert W. Lukasik (8074), Stanley Lukasiewicz (9034), Paramount Beauty School (8970), Mitry Simon (194), Superior Packing Co. (8973), O. L. Trainer (9035) (9036), Wadsworth Warren (8916), R. V. Wayne d.b.a. Wayne Services (9213), Irving Weisman (9214). and Nick Zielenski (9215), requesting reduction or cancellation of general or personal taxes. After consultation with the Board of Assessors, and careful consideration of the requests, your committee recommends that same be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. SWEENY,
Chairman.

Accepted and adopted.

Vacation of Alleys

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—To your Committee of the Whole was referred petition of the Nottingham Land Co. et al (9220), requesting the conversion of the public alleys bounded by Cheyenne, Littlefield, Pembroke and Chippewa Aves.; Cheyenne, Littlefield, Chippewa Aves. and the northerly line of Blackstone Park Sub. No. 6; Littlefield, Snowden, Pembroke and Chippewa Aves.; Littlefield, Snowden, Chippewa Aves. and the northerly line of Blackstone Park Sub. No. 6 into easements, 12 ft. wide, for public utilities only. 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,

HENRY S. SWEENY,
Chairman.

By Councilman Sweeny:

Resolved, That all of east and west public alleys, 20 feet wide and all of north and south public alleys 18 feet wide in blocks bounded by Snowden, Littlefield, Pembroke and Chippewa Avenues; by Littlefield, Cheyenne, Pembroke and Chippewa Avenues by

Snowden, Littlefield Avenues north of Chippewa Avenue and by Littlefield, Cheyenne Avenues and by Littlefield, Chippewa Avenue more north of described as all of east and west public alleys 20 feet wide particularly the northerly line of Lots 3044 to 3065 both inclusive and the southerly line of Lots 3212, 3261, 3262, 3311, the southerly line of north and south public alleys 18 feet wide all in Blackstone Park Subdivision No. 6 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 all of north and south public alley lying between the easterly line of Lots 3212 to 3217 both inclusive, the westerly line of Lots 3247 to 3254 both inclusive, Lots 3256 to 3261 both inclusive all of last mentioned subdivision. Also all of north and south public alley lying between the easterly line of Lots 3227 to 3236 both inclusive and the westerly line of Lots 3237 to 3246 both inclusive all of last mentioned Subdivision.

Also all of north and south public alley lying between the easterly line of Lots 3262 to 3274 both inclusive, Lot 3276 and the westerly line of Lot 3297, Lots 3299 to 3311 both inclusive all of last mentioned Subdivision.

Also the easterly 9 feet of said north and south public alley, 18 feet wide lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of Lot 3255 of last mentioned Subdivision.

Also the easterly 9 feet of said north and south public alley, 18 feet wide lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of Lot 3298 of last mentioned Subdivision.

Also all of said north and south public alley lying between the easterly line of Lots 3277 to 3286 both inclusive and the westerly line of Lots 3287 to 3296 both inclusive all of last mentioned Subdivision.

Also the westerly 9 feet of said north and south public alley, 18 feet wide lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of Lot 3218 of last mentioned Subdivision.

Also the westerly 9 feet of said north and south public alley, 18 feet wide lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of Lot 3275 of last mentioned Subdivision.

Be and the same are hereby vacated to become part and parcel of adjoining property.

Provided, the owners in fee grant to the use of the public, as public easements, the rear 6 feet adjoining the center lines of all alleys herein 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, ad-

ministrators 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 alley 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 named above.

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, Petitioners deposit with the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$804.44 to reimburse the City for the expense incurred in the original paving of alley intersections within the lines of the 20-foot alleys herein vacated, said sum to apply on the cost of removal of existing alley returns and the replacement of curbing, sidewalks and grading incidental to such removal as well as the replacing of all existing plank sidewalks with concrete on Chippewa Avenue at the intersections of all 18-foot alleys herein vacated, and further

Resolved, That upon compliance with the above provisions the City Controller be and is hereby directed to issue Quit Claim Deeds to Nottingham Land Company, a Michigan Corporation; to Eugene Hidden, a Married Man, and to Robert Brushaber and Hattie F. Brushaber, his wife, as owners in fee of adjoining property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Lodge, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem.—8.

Nays—None.

RESOLUTIONS

By Councilman Dingeman:

Whereas, it appears that there is considerable question concerning the actuarial soundness of the pension plans as provided for the police and fire departments; and

Whereas, the existing pension plans for these two departments are requiring an increasing burden upon the taxpayers of the City, the tax levy,

exclusive of contributions, fees, etc. for these two funds having increased in the last ten years from \$598,735 to \$1,123,555; and

Whereas, it appears that a complete actuarial investigation of these two pension systems is desirable and necessary with particular consideration toward the advisability of bringing the employes of these two departments under the retirement system as provided in Chapter VI of Title IX of the Charter. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Retirement System be and they are hereby requested to prepare a complete report to the Council concerning the actuarial condition of the existing pension systems of the police and fire departments, together with a recommendation of any changes necessary, in the event that they find the systems financially unsound; and be it further

Resolved, that upon the receipt of such reports, the President of the Council be and he hereby is directed to appoint two committees, one composed of the Controller, the Corporation Counsel, and five representative members of the police force, three to be designated by the Commissioner and two by members of the department; the other committee to have similar membership except that it shall have five representative members of the fire fighting force, three to be designated by the Board of Fire Commissioners, and two by the members of the fire fighting force, said committees to study and analyze said report, as it pertains to their respective departments and to recommend to this Council any changes in said system that they deem desirable and necessary.

Approved:

JOHN H. WITHERSPOON,
Acting Corporation Counsel.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Lodge, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President Pro Tem.—8.

Nays—None.

By Councilman Hamilton:

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of Act. No. 155 of the Public Acts of 1937, as amended, a municipality must file its application to withhold from the so-called scavenger sale of lands delinquent for State and County taxes on or before February 13, 1940; and

Whereas, The determination of the question of withholding depends upon the rights of the municipality during such withholding with reference to the rights of the municipality to redeem the property from the State; and