

in the amount of \$1,289.47, payable to the Children's Aid Society, is herewith submitted for your approval inasmuch as it is in excess of \$500.00.

The Public Welfare Commission respectfully requests that you direct and authorize the City Controller to approve this voucher for payment. Respectfully requested.

MAX R. BARTON,
Secretary.

By Councilman Rogell:
Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to honor voucher when presented by the Welfare Commission in the sum of \$1,289.47 payable to the Children's Aid Society.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Councilmen Cody, Comstock, Rogell, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.
Nays—None.

Zoological Park Commission

March 22, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Due to the inability to procure certain feeds and the necessity of substituting others at an increased cost, also the general increase in cost of all feeds, we find our forage accounts inadequate in the fourth quarterly allotment.

Will you therefore authorize the transfer of \$1,100.00 to 3D, Forage, and \$1,775.00 to 4D, Forage, Belle Isle, from 902, Surplus from allotments, within the Zoological Park Commission's funds.

Respectfully submitted,
J. MILLEN,
Director.

Approved:
PAUL T. DWYER,
Chief Asst. Corp. Counsel.
CHARLES G. OAKMAN,
Controller.

By Councilman Rogell:
Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of \$2,875.00 from Account 902 Surplus Allotments to the following accounts, all within the Zoological Park Fund:
\$1,100.00 to Account 3-D Forage;
\$1,775.00 to Account 4-D Forage, Belle Isle.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Councilmen Cody, Comstock, Rogell, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.
Nays—None.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Chairman Rogell submitted the following reports of Committee of the Whole for above date, and recommended their adoption:

Offer to Purchase Property

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—To your Committee of the Whole was again referred petition of Harold D. Gumpper (1049), for purchase of city-owned land at the N. E. corner of Freud and St. Jean Aves. After further consideration of the matter, your committee recommends that the previous denial be reaffirmed.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. G. ROGELL,
Chairman.

Accepted and adopted.

Special Assessments

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—To your Committee of the Whole was referred petition of Frank Manescalchi (1045), for refund of sidewalk assessment on lot 68, David Trombly's Harper Ave. Sub., which was acquired from the scavenger sale. After consultation with the Corporation Counsel, advising that the special assessment became a lien after the State sold the property, and careful consideration of the matter, your committee recommends that the petition be denied.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. G. ROGELL,
Chairman.

Accepted and adopted.

Vacation of Alley

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—To your Committee of the Whole was referred petition of Ben Futernick (679), for the vacation of a portion of the public alley in the block bounded by Warren, Forest, St. Aubin Ave. and the G. T. R. R. 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,
WM. G. ROGELL,
Chairman.

By Councilman Rogell:
Resolved, That all that part of public alley lying first northerly of Forest Avenue and parallel thereto, between G. T. R. R. R/W and St. Aubin Avenue, more particularly described as all that part of East and West public alley 17.95 ft. wide as platted in Harrah and Brandenburg's St. Aubin Avenue Subdivision of part of outlots 46 and 47, St. Aubin Farm and outlot 25, Witherell Farm, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 18 page 9 of Plats of Wayne County Records and lying north of and adjoining the northerly line of

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lots 32 and 33 of last mentioned subdivision, be and the same is hereby vacated to become part and parcel of the adjoining property;

Provided, Petitioner 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 said alley or bear the entire expense of relocating or rerouting any public utilities now installed in said alley which it may be necessary to relocate or reroute due to the closing of same, and further.

Provided, Petitioner for himself, his heirs, successors, or assigns file with the City Clerk, within thirty days, an agreement in writing waiving any and all claims for damages which may arise due to the separation of grades affecting all of the property herein vacated, and further.

Resolved, That upon compliance with the above provisions, the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to issue Quit Claim Deed to Ben Futernick, as owner in fee of the adjoining property, and further

Resolved, That upon receipt of proper evidence that all taxes are paid on the abutting property, the City Engineer is hereby directed to release said deeds.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Cody, Comstock, Rogell, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Vacation of Strip of Land

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—To your Committee of the Whole was referred petition of Arthur G. and Dorothy Marx (6623), for the vacation of a strip of land lying between petitioners' property and the southerly line of Mack Ave. between Parker and Maxwell Aves. 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,

WILLIAM G. ROGELL,

Chairman.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, that all that parcel of land lying between the southerly line of Mack Avenue, 66 ft. wide as now established, and the northerly line of Lot 1 of Miss L. Thorburn's Subdivision of lots 42 and 43 of Van Dyke Farm on Private Claim 679, T. 1 S., R. 12 E., Hamtramck, Wayne County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 11, Page 18 of Plats of Wayne County Records, be and the same is hereby vacated to become part and parcel of the adjoining property;

Provided, That if, at any time in the future it becomes necessary to use any or all of the parcel of land herein vacated for street widening purposes, said parcel of land shall be returned at no cost to the City of Detroit, at which time any buildings or structures erected thereon shall be removed by the petitioners, their heirs, successors, or assigns, their expense to the City of Detroit, and further

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

Resolved, that upon compliance with the above provisions, the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to issue a Quit Claim deed to Arthur G. Marx and Dorothy Marx, his wife, as owners in fee of the adjoining property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Cody, Comstock, Rogell, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.

Nays—None.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the Power of Attorney of Councilman George Edwards to Albert E. Cobo, City Treasurer, covering the handling of checks issued to Councilman Edwards, be and the same is hereby approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Cody, Comstock, Rogell, Sweeny, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.

Nays—None.

Interracial Committee

April 14, 1944.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—On January 18, 1944, your Honorable Body passed a Resolution at the request of his Honor, the Mayor, appropriating the necessary funds to carry on the activity of an Interracial Committee, whose function was defined in the petition as "to study conditions and to develop a specific program toward bringing about a greater degree of harmony between racial groups in this community."

Your Honorable Body subsequently requested progress reports. The following is the first of such reports and others will be forwarded to you at regular intervals in the future.

Officers of the Interracial Committee have been established at 305 West Fort Street and a Director, in