

By Councilman Edwards:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby requested to submit weekly reports as to how rapidly he is placing the former Street Sanitary Inspectors at levels of compensation which are commensurate with their previous rates.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, Dorais, Lodge, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—8.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

October 3, 1946.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred petition of Phillip B. Zoufal (1677), requesting the vacation of a 20-foot north and south public alley North of Moross Road and East of Kelly Road, in connection with his petition for a zoning change, to the Department of Public Works for further investigation and report.

The change in zoning and the vacation of said alley have been approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of July 16, 1946, on the condition that the petitioner dedicates to the City of Detroit land for opening a new alley easterly of the alley requested to be vacated.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations have been completed. We are in receipt of a deed from the petitioners for the opening of a new alley in lieu of the alley proposed to be vacated, said deed having been approved as to description by the City Engineer and as to form and execution by the Corporation Counsel and we are herewith attaching said deed for your acceptance.

Mr. Zoufal has filed a petition for the paving of the alley deeded and has deposited the sum of \$250.00 with the City Treasurer on October 1, 1946, Receipt No. 22287, which satisfactorily meets the requirements of Ordinance 107-D—Petitioned Paving.

All other City Departments and private utilities reported that they will not be adversely affected by the proposed vacation of said alley.

In view of the above, we recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Very truly yours,

HAZEN L. FUNK,
Acting Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That all of 20-foot north and south public alley east of Kelly Road and north of Moross Road, deeded to the City of Detroit, which deed was accepted by the Common Council

of the City of Detroit on February 19, 1946, J. C. C., pages 373 and 374, and being in fact all of lot 647 as originally platted in East Park Manor No. 1, being a subdivision of part of P. C.s 123 and 617, City of Detroit, and Twp. of Gratiot, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 55 of plats on Page 75, Wayne County Records.

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property, and further

Resolved, That quit-claim deed of Philip B. Zoufal and Rose J. Zoufal, his wife, to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for alley purposes pursuant to recommendation of City Plan Commission and Common Council resolution of July 30, 1946, J. C. C., page 1778, in connection with zoning change at Moross and Kelly Roads, described as "All of lot 644 of East Park Manor No. 1, being a subdivision of part of Private Claims 123 and 617, City of Detroit, Township of Gratiot, Wayne County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 55, on Page 75, of plats of Wayne County Records."

Be and the same is hereby accepted and the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to record same in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, Dorais, Lodge, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—8.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

October 3, 1946.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Petition of Steve De Mare, et al (No. 700), requesting the vacation of a part of a 20 foot north and south public alley in block bounded by Hubbell Ave., Strathmoor Ave., Outer Drive and Thatcher Ave. and the establishing of an easement in lieu thereof was referred by your Committee of the Whole to the Department of Public Works for further investigation and report.

The City Plan Commission has previously approved and recommended this change in their communication to your Honorable Body of April 12, 1946.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations have been completed. We are in receipt of satisfactory agreements executed by the owners in fee of the property abutting the alley proposed to be vacated granting the City of Detroit easement rights to said alley, said easements having been approved by the Corporation Counsel as to form and execution.

All City departments and private

utilities reported that they will not be adversely affected by the vacation of this alley or that they have reached a satisfactory agreement with the petitioners regarding their installations.

The conversion of this alley into an easement conforms with Common Council resolution of November 13, 1945, J.C.C. page 2230.

In view of the above, we recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That all that part of north and south public alley, 20 feet wide, in block bounded by Hubbell Ave., Strathmoor Ave., Outer Drive and Thatcher Avenue, more particularly described as all that part of said 20 foot north and south public alley as platted in Marygrove Outer Drive Park, a subdivision of part of W. 1/2 of S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 7, T. 1 S., R. 11 E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 55, Page 58, of plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of lots 49 to 53, both inclusive, and west of and adjoining the westerly line of the northerly 100 feet of lot 137.

Be and the same is hereby vacated to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property, subject to easement grants as mentioned in above communication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, Dorais, Lodge, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—8.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

October 4, 1946.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Attached hereto is progress report and copy of letter from the City Engineer's office on the grade crossing protection program for the week ending October 4, 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEN L. FUNK,
Acting Commissioner.
October 4, 1946.

Mr. Glenn C. Richards,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Dear Sir—Attached hereto is a tabulation showing the status of negotiations with all the railroads as of this date.

The schedule below refers only to specific progress that has been made during the present week:

Pere Marquette Railway: A joint application to the Michigan Public Service Commission, signed by the

Commissioner of Public Works and Pere Marquette Signal Engineer and forwarded to Lansing on October 3rd. This application requested the Commission's inspection of the Evergreen Road, Burt Road crossings on the Railroad's Detroit-Grand Rapids Division, and Joy Road and Livernois Avenue crossings on the Railroad's West Detroit Branch as a preliminary step in securing authorization to install improved protection devices at the crossings, in conformity with agreement recently negotiated.

New York Central Railroad: Acknowledgement has been made of the receipt of returned form of agreement prepared by legal department of the New York Central Railroad. Agreement was returned to this office last week for the elimination or modification of a few provisions found to be objectionable from the City's standpoint. Further word in such respect is now awaited.

Detroit Terminal Railroad: Draft of an agreement covering an agreed upon one year's program involving eight streets, has been delivered by the General Manager of the Terminal to the legal department of the New York Central Railroad, as reported last week. No additional information concerning the progress of this agreement's being forwarded for the City's consideration was obtainable when contact was had with Mr. Smith of the Terminal on October 3rd.

Pennsylvania Railroad: Plans and estimates for the crossing protection to be installed by the Pennsylvania on its West Detroit Belt Line in the first year's program were approved by the Traffic Engineer, and this office has so advised the Railroad.

Grand Trunk Western Railroad: Continued progress is reported by the Railroad with respect to the modernization of the crossing protection along its Dequindre Line between Mack and Trombley. The work of installing concrete bases and wiring conduits continued last week at the Hancock and Forest crossings. As previously reported, the installation of manually controlled flashed signals in conjunction with short-arm gate attachments is now fully completed and in operation at the Trombley, Harper, Ferry and Warren Avenue crossings.

State Highway Department: This office has received notice from the Highway Department that a two day inspection of crossing protection and on the ground discussion of the subject is being arranged for October 10th and 11th, at State Trunkline highway crossings of various railroad intersections, requesting representation from this office. Such inspection and discussion is being undertaken as the initial step in the Highway Department's cooperation with the City