

June 10

Whole referred petition of Herbert C. Nichols et al (No. 2148) requesting the vacation of a north and south public alley in block bounded by Minock, Westwood, W. Chicago and Orangelawn Avenues, and the establishing of an easement in lieu thereof, to the Department of Public Works for further investigation and report.

This change was previously approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of December 11, 1946.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations have been completed.

We are in receipt of "grants of easement" executed by the owners in fee of the property abutting the alley requested to be vacated, giving the City of Detroit a perpetual right-of-way for the maintenance of the lateral sewer located in the alley.

All other City departments and private utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the proposed change or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations in the alley.

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

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Yours very truly,

ERNEST JONES,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That all of north and south public alley, 18 feet wide, in block bounded by Minock, Westwood, W. Chicago and Orangelawn Avenues as platted in J. C. Lashley's West Chicago Boulevard and Evergreen Subdivision No. 1 of lots 52 to 73, 86 to 107, 120 to 129, 142 to 151, 176 to 185, 198 to 207 and 232 to 241, all inclusive, and vacated alleys of J. C. Lashley's West Chicago Boulevard and Evergreen Subdivision of the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, T. 1 S., R. 10 E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 57 of plats, Page 58, Wayne County Records, more particularly described as all of said 18 foot north and south public alley lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of lots 302 and 313, both inclusive, and west of and adjoining the westerly line of lots 314 to 325, both inclusive, all lots being the same as platted in last mentioned subdivision;

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

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, McNamara, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—7.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

June 6, 1947

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith petition of Ward Baking Company (No. 3588) requesting the vacation of a portion of 18.8 foot dead end north and south public alley in block bounded by W. Grand Boulevard, vacated 25th St., Toledo Avenue and M.C.R.R. right-of-way.

The vacation of said alley was approved by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of April 4, 1947 with the additional recommendation that the petitioners dedicate a portion of their property as an alley outlet. The petition was then referred to this office by your Committee of the Whole for further investigation and report.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations have been completed.

We are in receipt of a quit claim deed from Ward Baking Company deeding to the City of Detroit land for alley purposes in accordance with City Plan Commission's recommendation, said deed having been approved as to form and execution by the Corporation Counsel, and as to description by the City Engineer's Office. We are attaching the deed hereto for your Honorable Body's acceptance.

We are also in receipt of a grant of easement executed by the authorized officers of the Ward Baking Company, giving the City of Detroit a right-of-way across the center 8 feet of alley requested to be vacated, to protect the City's interest in the lateral sewer located therein.

On June 2, 1947 the petitioners paid to the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$797.90, Receipt No. 67903, said amount being the estimated cost of the removal and reconstruction of curbing and sidewalks incidental to the dedication of new alley, the construction of a paved return at entrance to said alley, stoning said dedicated alley and installing drainage therein.

All other City departments and private utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the proposed vacation, or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations therein.

In view of the above, we recom-

mend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
 Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, that all that part of north and south public alley, 18.8 feet wide, in block bounded by W. Grand Boulevard, vacated 25th Street, Toledo Avenue and M. C. R. R. right-of-way, more particularly described as all of said 18.8 foot north and south public alley as platted in Scotten, Lovett and Davis Subdivision of Scotten and Lovett's Subdivision of all that part of P. C. No. 78, Alexis Campau Farm, so called, lying between Dix Road, so called, and M. C. R. R., Town of Springwells (now Detroit), Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 19, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 146, 151, 154, 159, and east of and adjoining the east line of the north 30 feet of lot 143, and west of and adjoining the west line of lots 145, 152, 153 and west of and adjoining the west line of the north 30 feet of lot 144, all lots being the same as platted in last mentioned subdivision.

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

Resolved, that Quit Claim deed of Ward Baking Company to City of Detroit dedicating land for alley purposes, said land being described as follows: "The south 20 feet of Lot 143, Scotten, Lovett and Davis Subdivision of Scotten and Lovett's Subdivision of all that part of P. C. No. 78, Alexis Campau farm so called lying between Dix Road so called and M. C. R. R. Ward 12 Cap. 289 (W. Grand Blvd.)."

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

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, McNamara, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—7.
 Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

June 4, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—On June 6, 1939, J. C. C. Page 1315, your Honorable Body authorized the cancellation of Accounts Receivable Bill Dept. No. 1170, Controller's No. 85004, for sidewalk repairs against property at 1640 Holden Ave., between Sterling and

Ferry Park, described as the W. 32' of E. 67' of Lot 59.

The accounts receivable bill in question was applied on Assessment Roll 161-C-10, on March 8, 1939 three months prior to date of cancellation by the Common Council, and is now a lien against the property; Treasurer's Account No. 1572.

Request for cancellation was made by W. J. Regan on Petition No. 4801, under date of January 17, 1939, petition was denied February 21, 1939, request for hearing before the Common Council was set May 26, 1939, and cancellation of bill was granted June 1, 1939.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL TALMAGE,
 Secretary.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, that on recommendation of the Department of Public Works, the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to cancel sidewalk assessment above set forth in communication of the Secretary.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, McNamara, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—7.
 Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

June 9, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Attached hereto is progress report and letter from the City Engineer's office on the grade crossing protection program, for the week ending June 6, 1947.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
 Commissioner.

Department of Public Works

June 6, 1947.

Mr. Ernest Jones,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Dear Sir—Attached is a tabulation showing the status of progress in the negotiations with all the Railroads for a program of improved crossing protection as of this date.

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

Grand Trunk Western Railroad:
 The Michigan Public Service Commission caused an inspection of the Holbrook Avenue crossing to be made last Monday, June 2nd, at 2:00 p. m. Representatives of the Commission's Railroad Division, Grand Trunk Railroad, the City Traffic Engineer and the D. P. W. were present during the inspection. The locations of the proposed short-arm gate installations