

items. The bid for Contract PW-357 is approximately 30% above the City Engineer's estimate, but it is not believed that lower bids will result by re-advertising at this time in view of the closeness of the bids just received. It is therefore recommended that

the contracts be awarded to the bidders designated, and that the Controller be authorized and directed to set up the necessary accounts to cover the cost of these contracts and the cost of advertising, inspection, and contingencies.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Oakman:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the bidders as listed above; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby directed to honor vouchers when presented and to charge them against the accounts named in the foregoing communication, the vouchers to include the cost of advertising, inspection, and contingency items, as well as the contract costs; and be it further

Resolved, That from cash not immediately required for capital improvement appropriations, there be loaned to the special assessment revolving fund the total amount of the above approved contracts, such loan to be repaid from special assessments levied against the benefitted district or property or from the proceeds of Special Assessment Bonds payable from such special assessments.

Adopted as follows:

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

Department of Public Works

September 25, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith petition No. 5670 filed by Good Housekeeping Shop and Krulim Investment Co requesting the vacation of 20 foot north and south public alley in block bounded by Wabash, Vermont, Mark and Kirby Avenues.

The vacation of this alley was approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of July 24, 1947. The petition was then referred to this office by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations are completed. In response to our inquiries, we have received word from all city departments and private utility companies that they will be unaffected by the

vacation of said alley, or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations therein.

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

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST JONES,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That all of north and south public alley, 20 feet wide, in block bounded by Wabash, Vermont, Mark and Kirby Avenues, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lot 56 of Candler's Subdivision of Blk. 3 to 11, inclusive of lot 3 of the subdivision of the Lafferty Farm, N. of Grand River Road, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 274, Wayne County Records, and west of and adjoining the west line of lots 51 to 54 both inclusive, of the subdivision of blk. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Outlot 2, Lafferty Farm, N. of Grand River Street as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 281, Wayne County Records.

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

Adopted as follows:

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

Department of Public Works

September 24, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred petition of Karl W. Scott, et al (3132), requesting the vacation of Prest Avenue south of Tyler to this office for investigation and report.

The vacation of this street 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 are completed.

On September 24, 1947, the petitioners deposited into the City Treasury the sum of \$811.30, Receipt No. 21919, credited to Dept. of Water Supply fund Code No. 601-9300-0-6290-908, said amount being the estimated cost of rerouting their 6" water mains necessitated by vacation of said street.

On September 24, 1947 the petitioners deposited with the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$180.00, Receipt No. 71929, to cover the cost of constructing sidewalks on the south side of Tyler Avenue at intersection of Prest Avenue.

All other City departments and private utility companies reported