

items originally omitted, with the exception of the landscape work. The Contractor has quoted a price of \$31,777.71 for this work, with the exception of the cost of temporary heat if required. The need for temporary heat would be dependent upon the weather conditions prevailing at the time the various parts of the work were being installed, but should not run more than \$700.00. The price quoted has been carefully checked and found to be fair and reasonable.

The original contract price for the building was \$358,178.00. The cost quoted by the Contractor for reinstating the omitted items is approximately 9 percent of the contract price. Ordinarily, this might be considered a rather large extra to add to a contract. However, in this case, if the work is to be done, eventually, it should be done while the rest of the building is being constructed. It would not be desirable to take bids on this additional work, as it would be most impractical to have a different Contractor attempt to do work which, in most instances, becomes almost an integral part of the original work.

It is therefore recommended, that if you intend to eventually install the omitted work, the Contractor's proposal be accepted so that the work can be installed in its proper sequence and relation to the rest of the building work.

This additional work requires the approval of the Common Council, and if you decide that it should go ahead at this time, we will proceed to so inform the Contractor as soon as Common Council approval has been secured.

Yours very truly,  
G. R. THOMPSON,  
City Engineer.

By Councilman Comstock:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Police be and he is hereby authorized and directed to incorporate the change described above in the Contract for the construction of the 13th Precinct Police Station, Contract No. PD-4; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to honor vouchers when presented and charge them to Account 1090-901, New Precinct Stations, Furniture and Equipment.

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

## Parks and Recreation

December 18, 1947

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Reference is made to your letter of November 13, 1947, requesting a report on the views of our Commission regarding the acquisition of Mack Park.

We are aware that condemnation was once ordered and then discontinued by order of the Common Council. However, there was no directive to delete the site from the Master Plan, and it was retained as a part of the plan in case it might become feasible to acquire it at some future date in the light of future developments. When the matter was previously considered, the business frontage on Mack Avenue was included in the proposal, and the estimated acquisition cost was very high. In addition to that obstacle, there was much opposition from the tenants of the Mack Avenue frontage. There is a great need for the site, for our purpose and for the two schools which are adjacent to it, Southeastern High School and Foch Intermediate.

Therefore, we are now recommending that the Mack Avenue frontage be disregarded and that the portion south of the alley be acquired. The site recommended is bounded on the north by the alley south of Mack, on the east by the alley west of Beniteau, on the south by Goethe, and on the west by Fairview, with the exception of the west 230 feet of Lot 14, this exception including the apartment house on Goethe and a reasonable space around it. The site so described comprises about  $7\frac{1}{4}$  acres and its assessed value is \$74,230.00.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. J. CONSIDINE,  
General Superintendent.

By Councilman Oakman:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and he is hereby directed to prepare the proper resolution for the acquisition of the property known as Mack Park, as described in the foregoing communication, for park, recreational and other municipal purposes, and submit same to this body for approval.

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

## Department of Public Works

December 29, 1947

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Petition of Homer Chevrolet Co., Inc. (No. 6673) request-

ing the conversion into an easement of certain public alleys in block bounded by Livernois, Grand River, Woodside and W. Chicago Avenues was referred to the Department of Public Works by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report.

The vacation of this alley was previously approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of September 29, 1947.

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

All 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 therein.

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

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST JONES,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Comstock:

Resolved, That all of north and south public alley, 20 feet wide, in block bounded by Livernois, Woodside, W. Chicago and Grand River Avenues, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 17 to 23, both inclusive, and west of and adjoining the west line of lots 31 to 35, both inclusive, all lots and said alley being those platted in Lerchen's Addition to Greenfield Village on Fractional Sec. 34, T. 1 S., R. 11 E., as recorded in Liber 12 of plats, Page 79, Wayne County Records;

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley and converted into a public easement, which easement shall be subject to the following agreements, covenants, uses, reservations and regulations which shall be observed by the owners of said lots and by their grantees and assigns and their heirs, executors, administrators 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 vacated public alleys, herein above 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 to ingress or 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 building or structures of any nature whatsoever, (except necessary line fences) shall be built or placed upon said 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 the same shall not be opened for the passage of vehicles therein.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Castator, Comstock, Oakman, Rogell, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.

Nays—None.

#### Department of Public Works

December 24, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—This is to certify, in accordance with Article 5 of the following contracts, that the work provided for in said contracts has been given final inspection and has been found fully performed, and the Contractors have submitted affidavits that all payrolls, material bills, and other indebtedness connected with the work have been paid.

PW-319—Paving of Mendota Avenue from Cambridge to Outer Drive, Arthur J. Smith Contracting Company, Contractor—\$6,243.60.

PW-316—Paving of Griggs Avenue from Curtis to Pickford Avenue, Arthur J. Smith Contracting Company, Contractor—\$6,555.86.

PW-313—Paving of Pinehurst Avenue from Pilgrim to Puritan Avenue, Weir Contracting Company, Contractor—\$8,322.05.

As the work provided for in these Contracts has been completed, it is accepted by the Commissioner of Public Works under the terms and conditions thereof, and he recommends that the completion of the above pavement be accepted by your Honorable Body, and that full payment of the above stated sums, as indicated in Estimate No. 1 (Final), be made at this time, with the understanding that such payment is made by the City and accepted by the Contractor under the terms of final payment.

FLOYD C. MORSE,  
Engr. of Tests & Insp.  
MARTIN R. FISHER,  
Asst. City Engineer.  
ERNEST JONES,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Whereas, It appears from communication from the Department of Public Works that the paving of the following streets has been duly completed:

Mendota, from Cambridge to Outer Drive.

Griggs, from Curtis to Pickford.