

Whereas, the area involved is of large extent and composed of many independent political sub-divisions of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, the Rouge River is tributary to the Federal waters of the Detroit River; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Common Council of the City of Detroit petition the members of Congress and the United States Senators representing this drainage district to introduce legislation to authorize a survey and study of the Rouge River drainage basin by or through the United States Army and the Corps of Engineers for the purpose of determining the causes and establishing recommendations for control of flooding conditions in the Rouge River basin; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a true copy of this resolution to the United States Senators and members of Congress from this district.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman, Smith, and the President—7.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

April 15, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Schlafer Iron and Metal Company have requested the release of bond covering spur track across Medbury Avenue West of St. Aubin connecting G.T.R.R. Their petition No. 3752 approved by the Common Council 11-24-36, J. C. C., page 2596-7.

Upon investigation we find that Medbury Avenue at the point where above track crosses is now owned by the Schlafer Iron and Metal Company. Their petition No. 4141 requesting vacation of Medbury Avenue West of Ruby Street approved by the Common Council May 27, 1947, J. C. C., page 1444.

Therefore we recommend the spur track agreement between the City of Detroit and Schlafer Iron and Metal Company approved 11-24-36, J. C. C., page 2596-7 be rescinded.

Very truly yours,

W. L. HENDRICK,  
Secretary.

By Councilman Garlick:

Resolved, that resolution adopted November 24, 1936 (J. C. C., p. 2596-7), authorizing the Dept. of Public Works to issue permit to the Schlafer Iron & Metal Co. to install and maintain a spurtrack across Medbury Ave. west of St. Aubin Ave., be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Gar-

lick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman, Smith, and the President—7.  
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works  
April 15, 1948.  
To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith petition of the Memorial Hall Commission requesting the vacation of Woodbridge Street, between Shelby and Griswold Streets, and the alleys north and south of Woodbridge Street within the limits of the recently acquired Memorial Hall Site. This petition was referred to the Department of Public Works by the Department of the Whole for your Committee report.

Please be advised that all of our investigations have been completed.

In reply to our inquiries, we found that the installations of the following departments would be affected by the vacation of the above mentioned street and alleys:

1. Public Lighting Commission: The above changes necessitate the removal and rerouting of P.L.C. underground structure. Memorial Hall Commission I.P.O. No. 5079 was issued in the amount of \$2,000 to cover the cost of the necessary work;
2. Fire Department (Telegraph Bureau): Rerouting and/or abandoning underground conduit and cables for telephone and fire alarm box system. I.P.O. No. 5080 in amount of \$850.00 and I.P.O. No. 5081 in amount of \$1,500 was issued by the Memorial Hall Commission to cover the costs involved in the work;
3. Fire Department (Water Bureau): As the Memorial Hall Commission building will be constructed approximately 25 feet from the high pressure main, said main will be left in service. If a bad break or leak develops in the main, it will then be abandoned and a new main laid in the west side of Griswold Street;
4. Department of Water Supply: Disconnection and abandonment of a 12" water main in Woodbridge street. I.P.O. No. 5087 in the amount of \$400 was issued by the Memorial Hall Commission to cover the cost of the necessary work;
5. Department of Public Works (Permit Division): Removal and reconstruction of paved street and alley returns at intersections of the streets and alleys to be vacated, and the construction of new curbing and sidewalks incidental thereto. I.P.O. No. 5083 in the amount of \$1,802.60 was issued by the Memorial Hall Commission to cover the cost of the above mentioned work;
6. The Michigan Bell Telephone Co., the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company and the Detroit Edison



Company although affected considerably by the closing of Woodbridge Street and adjoining alleys, have agreed to remove and/or reroute their installations at their own expense:

7. Department of Public Works (Sewer Division): Proper restrictions protecting this department's interests in the 14'-9" interceptor sewer located in Woodbridge Street are incorporated in the vacating resolution.

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

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. HANSON,  
Commissioner.

**Memorial Hall Commission**

May 29, 1947.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Pursuant to resolutions adopted by your Honorable Body, this Commission has proceeded with the acquisition by condemnation of the property bounded by Jefferson, Griswold, Shelby and Atwater Streets as a site for the Memorial Hall which is to be a part of the Civic Center.

The acquisition of the property on this site is complete. The title to the above mentioned property is held in its entirety by the Memorial Hall Commission in the name of the City of Detroit. Our architects and engineers have prepared preliminary drawings which have been accepted by the Commission and our architects are now engaged in the preparation of specifications for the erection of Memorial Hall on this site. It now becomes necessary to petition your Honorable Body for the closing of streets and alleys located within the boundaries of this site.

Therefore, we respectfully petition your Honorable Body for the closing of streets and alleys as herein set forth:

(a) Woodbridge Street from the west line of Griswold street to the east line of Shelby Street.

(b) The closing of that portion of an alley which is located within the site bounded by Jefferson, Griswold, Woodbridge, and Shelby Streets.

(c) The closing of the two portions of alley located on that site bounded by Woodbridge Street, Griswold, Atwater and Shelby Street.

These streets and alleys are entirely bounded by property owned by the City of Detroit and are necessary for the completion of the project that this Commission is engaged in. We are submitting herewith City Engineer's Memorial Hall site which

shows the proposed street and alley to be vacated.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. E. FRAWLEY,  
President.

By Councilman Kronk:

Resolved, That all of Woodbridge Street, 50 feet wide as now established, between Shelby and Griswold Streets, as platted in Section 3 of the plat of the City of Detroit as laid out by the Governor and Judges;

Also, all of east and west public alley, 20 feet wide, west of Griswold Street between Woodbridge Street and Jefferson Avenue lying south of and adjoining the south line of lots 5, 6 and 7 of Section 3 of the plat of the City of Detroit as laid out by the Governor and Judges;

Also, all of east and west public alley, 20 feet wide, west of Griswold Street between Woodbridge and Atwater Streets lying south of and adjoining the south line of lots 60, 61, 62 and 63 of Section 3 of the plat of the City of Detroit as laid out by the Governor and Judges;

Also, all of east and west public alley 20 feet wide east of Shelby Street between Woodbridge and Atwater Streets, lying north of and adjoining the north line of lots 68, 69 and 70 of plat of the Jones property known as the Beard and Greeley claims Sec. 3, Governor and Judges Plan, City of Detroit, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 290, Wayne County Records;

Be and the same are hereby vacated as public street and alleys to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property subject to the following provisions:

a) Provided, that by reason of the vacation of the above described Woodbridge Street, the City of Detroit does not waive any rights to the 14'-9" interceptor sewer located in said street, and at all times shall have the right to enter upon the premises, if found necessary, on account of said sewer, to repair, alter or service same, and further

b) Provided, no building is to be constructed over said street without the approval of the City Engineer and the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Comstock, Garellick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman, Smith, and the President—7.

Nays—None.

**Department of Public Works**

April 9, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Attached hereto is a tabulation showing the status of the entire program for improved crossing