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req'd \$8,875.00, Acct. No. 911-2390-1379.
PW-603, Quinn, total amt. of bid \$6,449.40 (Group 48-19), total funds req'd \$6,700.00, Acct. No. 911-2390-1380.

PW-614, Northlawn, amt. of bid (Group 48-20) \$9,456.30, total funds req'd \$9,825.00, Acct. No. 911-2390-1404.

To Weir Contracting Company:
PW-595, Auburn, amt. of bid (Group 48-19) \$23,789.00, total funds req'd \$24,650.00, Acct. No. 911-2390-1382.

It is further recommended that the Controller be authorized and directed to set up the necessary accounts to cover the costs of these contracts and the cost of advertising, inspection and contingencies.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS C. HANSON,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

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 Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman and Smith—7.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

August 12, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith petition of John H. Gorsuch, et al (No. 916), requesting the vacation of a part of dead end east and west public alley in block bounded by Oakwood, Bayside, Sanders and vacated Branch Avenue.

The vacation of said alley was approved by the City Plan Commission with the recommendation that the petitioners deed an alley outlet into

Bayside Avenue. The petition was then referred to this office by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report.

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

We are in receipt of a quit claim deed from the petitioners deeding land for alley purposes in accordance with the recommendation of the City Plan Commission. This deed was approved as to form and execution by the Corporation Counsel's Office, and as to description by the City Engineer's Office, and it is attached hereto for your Honorable Body's acceptance.

On August 10, 1948 the petitioner deposited with the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$623.28, Receipt No. 83068, said amount being the estimated cost of constructing a paved alley return on the north side of Bayside Avenue, west of Sanders Avenue at the entrance to the alley deeded; the above amount also including the cost of grading and stoning the deeded alley.

All other City departments and private utility companies reported 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,
THOMAS C. HANSON,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That all that part of east and west public alley, 20 feet wide, in block bounded by Oakwood, Bayside, Sanders and vacated Branch Avenue, as platted in "Oakwood" on P.C.'s 50, 524 and 119, River Rouge, T. 2 S. R. 11 E., Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 13 of plats, Page 36, Wayne County Records, lying east of the east line of vacated Branch Avenue, and west of a line, said line being the east line extended northerly of the west 10 feet of lot 87 of last mentioned subdivision;

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 John H. Gorsuch and Ioretta E. Gorsuch, his wife, to the City of Detroit deeding land described as "the east 20 feet of lot 87 of "Oakwood" on P.C.'s 50, 524 and 119, River Rouge, T. 2 S., R. 11 E., Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 13 of plats, Page 36, Wayne County Records to be used for alley purposes" 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 Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman and Smith—7.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

August 12, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred petition of the Hattie B. Smith Estate, et al, (No. 792) requesting the conversion into an easement of the alley east of Woodward and north of Erle avneue to the Department of Public Works for investigation and report.

The conversion of said alley into an easement was previously approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of May 28, 1948.

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

As per our directive, the petitioners deposited into the City Treasury on August 12, 1948 the sum of \$246.79. Receipt No. 11628, credited to Public Works Maintenance Fund, Code No 143-6221-1, to reimburse the City of Detroit for the original cost of paving Erle ave. at the intersection of the alley to be vacated.

The petitioners requested that the existing paved alley return at the entrance to the alley to be vacated remain in its present status, and have agreed, by letter filed with the original petition, to pay all costs incidental to the removal of said paved return and the reconstruction of curbing and sidewalks incidental to such removal at any time in the future that such removal becomes necessary. either at the request of the City or the petitioner.

Proper provisions are incorporated in the vacating resolution protecting the City's interests in the sewer located in the alley to be closed.

All other City department and private utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the conversion of said alley into an easement or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations therein.

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

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS C. HANSON,
Commissioner

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved. That all of north and south public alley, 20 feet wide, east of Woodward avenue and north of Erle avenue, as platted in Hugo H. Stendner's Subdivision of lots 7, 8, 9,

15, 16 and part of lot 14 of Youngblood's Subdivision of the east part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 11, T. 1 S., R. 11 E., Greenfield Twp., Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 26 of plats, Page 53, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 23 to 26, both inclusive, and west of and adjoining the west line of lot 27, 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 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 by their 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 alley, hereinabove 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 buildings 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 Comstock, Edgecomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman and Smith—7.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

August 12, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred petition of Russell R. Platt, et al (No. 5480), requesting the conversion into an easement of the 18-foot north and south public alley in block bounded by Greenview, Faust, Margareta and 7 Mile Road to the Department of Public Works for investigation and report.

The vacation of this alley was previously approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their

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recommendation to your, Honorable Body of April 8, 1948.

We wish to advise that all of our investigations have been completed. In reply to our inquiries, 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 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,

THOMAS C. HANSON,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That all of north and south public alley, 18 feet wide, in block bounded by Greenview, Faust, Margareta and 7 Mile Road, as platted in C. W. Harrah's Seven Mile Rd., Subdivision of E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 11, T. 1 S., R. 10 E., Redford Twp., Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 57 of plats, Page 79, Wayne County Records, lying west of and adjoining the west line of lots 14 to 33, both inclusive, and east of and adjoining the east line of lots 115 to 134, 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 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 alley, hereinabove 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 buildings 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 Comstock, Edgcomb, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman and Smith—7.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

August 16, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Honorable Body has requested a report as to the desirability of salvaging steel rail from street car lines which have been abandoned. I have consulted with the Department of Street Railways on the matter and have obtained estimates of cost for rail salvaging.

The problem is rather involved inasmuch as the D.S.R. has three types of ties in both brick and concrete pavements. The experience of the D.S.R. is that it costs between 50 cents and \$1.00 per foot of rail for its removal, and the average cost for all types amounts to \$57.00 per ton.

As the last bid opening, scrap rail was quoted at \$59.00 per ton. This is a very small margin and would represent a net loss inasmuch as the Division of Street Construction and Maintenance estimates that it costs 72 cents per lineal foot of rail to fill the cavity produced by the rail removal.

During 1942 the D.S.R. removed some rail but this was done in conjunction with the salvaging of steel for the war effort.

It is the opinion of each of the departments concerned that the cost of the removal of the rail and the repaving of the street will exceed the actual salvaging value.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS C. HANSON,
Commissioner.

Received and placed on File.

Purchases and Supplies

August 17, 1948.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—In response to our advertisement for proposals to furnish the City of Detroit with Meat, Butter and Eggs, ten (10) bids were received.

The lowest bids are recommended for acceptance as follows:

Cadillac Packing Company of Detroit:

Approx.

5200 lbs. Beef Sides, U. S. Commercial, \$.3735 per lb.