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Parking System as proposed by us have been decided in our favor. This makes it possible for us to submit for your consideration a plan to give immediate parking relief to some areas with the eventual solving of the parking problem in all major business centers in the City. As soon as we have obtained the concurrence of interested City departments, the proposed ordinance will be submitted to you.

While the Supreme Court case was being decided, the public and interested City departments have had an opportunity to determine the usefulness of parking meters. They were very well received and have demonstrated that they can and do perform the job for which they are installed, namely, create a turn-over in curb parking. The Parking Authority has requested the Traffic Engineer to submit to you as quickly as possible, recommendations for their installation in other areas where they are needed.

This communication is in the nature of a report of progress.

Respectfully submitted,

FOSTER WINTER,  
President.

Received and placed on file.

#### Department of Public Works

March 18, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Department of Public Works recommends the cancellation of the following sidewalk assessments, same having been paid on Accounts Receivable Bills:

Roll 218-C-2, Lot 129, on the North side of Arizona between Brush and John R. Cancel \$22.39, full payment on Dept. Bill 14285, Receipt C-1887-27, Mar. 16, 1949.

Roll 218-C-4, Lot 67, on the North side of Holborn between Mt. Elliott and Lodi, Cancel \$99.35, final payment on Dept. Bill 15100, Receipt C-1887-116, March 11, 1949.

Roll 218-C-16, Lot 147, on the South side of Mack between Harding and Montclair, Cancel \$10.00, partial payment on Dept. Bill 14447, Receipt C-1887-124, March 14, 1949.

Roll 218-C-19, Lot 7, on the North side of Greiner between Hickory and Alcoy, Cancel \$134.72, final payment on Dept. Bill 14955, Treas. Receipt 45825, March 14, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. HENDRICK,  
Secretary.

By Councilman Miriani:

Resolved, That on recommendation of the Department of Public Works, that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to cancel sidewalks

assessments above set forth in communication of the Secretary.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

#### Department of Public Works

March 18, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Petition of Alberta Ossa, et al (No. 4227) requesting the conversion into an easement of the north and south public alley in block bounded by Wormer, Woodbine, Bennett and Curtis Avenues, was referred to this department by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report, and is returned herewith.

The vacation of this alley was previously approved and recommended by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of February 3, 1949.

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,

T. C. HANSON,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Oakman:

Resolved, That all of north and south public alley, 18 feet wide, in block bounded by Wormer, Woodbine, Bennett and Curtis Avenues, as platted in B. E. Taylor's Grand River Telegraph Subdivision, lying south of Grand River Avenue, being the E. 1/2 of the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 8, T. 1 S., R. 10 E., Redford Twp., Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 58 of plats, Page 67, Wayne County Records, lying west of and adjoining the west line of lots 174 to 192, both inclusive, and east of and adjoining the east line of lots 282 to 300, 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.

Provided, The City of Detroit Hereby Reserves for itself 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 of ingress or egress at any time to and over said easement for the purpose above set forth;

And Further Provided, That the owners of lots abutting on said vacated alley, their heirs and assigns, Shall Not Build or Construct any buildings or structure of any nature whatsoever, (except necessary line fences) upon said easement or any part thereof, so that said easement shall be forever of easy access for the purposes named above;

And Further Provided, Said easement shall be used for the same purposes for which public alleys are generally used in the City of Detroit, excepting that same shall not be opened for the passage of vehicles therein;

And Further Provided, That if at any time in the future, the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated alley, their heirs or assigns, shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easement, such owners, upon whose property the poles or other utilities are located, shall pay all costs incidental to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

**Department of Public Works**

March 21, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred the petition of Borden's Farm Products Company (Petition No. 3253), requesting the vacation of the "L" shaped alley located in block bounded by Ellery St., Heck Place, Garfield and Forest Avenues to the Department of Public Works for investigation and report, the vacation of said alley having previously been approved by the City Plan Commission, in their communication to your Honorable Body of December 29, 1948.

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

As per our directive, on March 10, 1949 the petitioners deposited into the City Treasury the sum of \$338.23, Receipt No. 46119, credited to Public Works Maintenance Fund Code No. 143-6221-1, to reimburse the City of Detroit for the original cost of paving Heck Place at the intersection of the alley to be vacated.

The petitioners requested that the

existing paved alley return on the west side of Heck Place, at the vacated, remain in its present location as they intend to utilize same, and by letter filed with the same petition, have agreed to pay all costs incidental to the removal of the paved alley return and the reconstruction of curbing incidental thereto, at such time as such removal is requested by them or the City of Detroit.

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

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 Oakman:

Resolved, That all of public alleys, 18 and 20 feet wide, west of Heck Place, between Garfield and Forest Avenues, as platted in Gutow's Subdivision of the W. 1/2 of the southerly 450.50 feet of Outlot 22, Leib Farm as recorded in Liber 19 of plats, Page 64, Wayne County Records, and in Lambert's Subdivision of a portion of outlots 21 and 22, Leib Farm as recorded in Liber 19 of plats, Page 65, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 17 to 20, both inclusive, of Gutow's Subdivision, east of and adjoining the east line of the vacated 18-foot public alley which lies north of lot 20 of said Gutow's Subdivision, west of and adjoining the west line of lots 22 to 25, both inclusive, of Lambert's Subdivision, heretofore mentioned, and north of and adjoining the north line of lot 22 of said Lambert's Subdivision:

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

1. Provided, That by reason of the vacation of the above described alleys, the City of Detroit does not waive any rights to the sewers located therein, and at all times shall have the right to enter upon the premises if found necessary, on account of said sewers to repair, alter and service same; and further
2. Provided, That if any building is to be constructed over the sewers said sewers shall be replaced by cast iron pipe of the same size, or the sewers shall be encased in 6 inches



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of Class "A" concrete, and such sewer manholes shall be constructed as shall be specified by the City Engineer; all such work to be done under the supervision and inspection of the Department of Public Works, and all costs entailed to be borne by the petitioners or their assigns; and further

3. Provided, That petitioners or their assigns shall not build over said sewer without first securing the approval of the City Engineer and the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering;

4. Provided, That if at any time in the future, it becomes necessary to remove the existing alley return on the west side of Heck Place at the entrance to the alley herein vacated, the entire expense of its removal and of the reconstruction of curbing and sidewalks, incidental thereto shall be borne by the petitioners, their heirs or assigns.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Garlick, Kronk, Miriani, Oakman, Smith and the President—7.  
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

March 21, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen — Redford Township, Wayne County, has filed with your Honorable Body on January 11, 1949, Petition No. 4371, requesting permission to make a sanitary sewage connection to City of Detroit sewer system.

The City Engineer recommends that the petition be granted on a temporary basis and has prepared a formal agreement providing for extension of this service to Redford Township.

Redford Township has executed the agreement and has tendered advance payment of a sum of Twenty-seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen and 74/100 Dollars (\$27,217.74) as stipulated in the agreement. The breakdown of this sum is as follows:

- (1) An annual rental fee for the use of the Detroit sewer system .....\$ 1,717.74
- (2) Deposit to cover costs of constructing a siphon across the Rouge River 25,000.00
- (3) Deposit for inspection costs ..... 500.00

I hereby request that your Honorable Body grant the petition and authorize me to execute this agreement on behalf of the City of Detroit.

Respectfully submitted,  
THOMAS C. HANSON,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Oakman:

Resolved, That petition No. 4371 of Redford Township, Wayne County, for permission to make a sanitary sewage connection to City of Detroit sewer system be granted, and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized to execute the said agreement on behalf of the City of Detroit.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

March 16, 1949.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Pursuant to published advertisements, bids were received on February 22, 1949, for the third group of Riverfront Sewers, Contract PW-173. The bids received are shown on the attached tabulation.

The low bid is slightly above the City Engineer's estimate of \$16,525 made in February, 1949, for this work; however, the bid is regular and it is not believed that lower bids will be received by re-advertising. It is therefore recommended that the contract be awarded to the Friedrich and Heinrichs Construction Company in the amount of \$16,885.

In addition to the contract cost, there are other costs estimated at \$4,215 to cover the advertising, inspection, contingencies, repaving, moving utilities, etc. This brings the total cost for the entire work to approximately \$21,100.

Inasmuch as this work is to be financed by money available in the Sewage Disposal Account, the proposed award of the contract was submitted to the Department of Water Supply for approval. Such approval was obtained under the date of March 11, 1949, in a letter from Mr. E. H. Bauer, Acting Secretary, Board of Water Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. C. HANSON,  
Commissioner.

Approved:

E. P. RIEHL,  
Deputy Controller.

By Councilman Oakman:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract for the third group of Riverfront Sewers, Contract PW-173, with the Friedrich and Heinrichs Construction Company in the amount of \$16,885; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to honor vouchers when presented covering the cost of this con-