

County highway system through the city.

As Detroit has expanded and the land use of different areas within the city has changed, certain highways no longer function as county roads carrying traffic through the city of Detroit to other sections of the county. Other highways have become main arteries that function entirely across the city and extend into other sections of the county.

It seems only fair that an equitable portion of the highway gas and license revenues earned on the city streets of Detroit and returned to the Board of Wayne County Road Commissioners, should be allocated within the city limits of Detroit. In recent years there has been an increase in this allocation and I could not say at this time that the money allocated for construction and maintenance of County roads and limited access highways within the city is a fair share. Many factors must be evaluated in determining what portion of the funds we should be entitled to, to be spent directly in Detroit. There is no question but what several important County roads feeding into Detroit are of considerable value to the economic life of Detroit.

I would like to recommend that the Highway Committee of the Board of Supervisors be requested to appoint a joint committee, representing the Board of Wayne County Road Commissioners, the Board of County Auditors, the City Controller's office and the Department of Public Works, to review the County highway plan in Detroit and prepare a joint report to be submitted to the Board of Wayne County Road Commissioners and your Honorable Body for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
GLENN C. RICHARDS,
General Superintendent.

By Councilman Kronk:

Resolved, That the General Superintendent of the Department of Public Works be and he is hereby directed, in conjunction with the Board of Wayne County Road Commissioners, to make a study of the county road situation in the City of Detroit, and to recommend which thoroughfares should be designated as county roads and which, if any, present county roads should be turned back to the City; this study and report to include recommendations as to the responsibility for and provision of proper street lighting, off-street parking facilities, etc.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works
December 18, 1950.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith the petition of the Rycenga Manufacturing Company (Petition No. 3060) which requests the vacation of the 20 foot north-south alley located east of Filer Avenue between Iowa and Nevada Avenues. The vacation of said alley was approved by the City Plan Commission and the petition was referred to this office by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report.

Please be advised that our investigations are completed.

As per our directive, on December 15, 1950, the petitioners paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$304.44, Receipt No. 40967, credited to Public Works Maintenance Fund Code No. 143-6221-1, to reimburse the City for the original cost of paving the south ½ of Nevada Avenue at the intersection of the alley to be vacated.

On December 15, 1950, the petitioners deposited with the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$400.00, Receipt No. 18381, said amount being the estimated cost of removing the existing paved return on the south side of Nevada Avenue at the entrance to the alley to be vacated and constructing new curbing and sidewalk across the alley intersection.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of the alley.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL D. WARNER, Commr.

By Councilman Oakman:

Resolved, That all of north-south public alley, 20 feet wide, east of Filer Avenue between Iowa and Nevada Avenues, as platted in Block 30 of Plat of the Village of Norris, as recorded in Liber 3 of plats, page 30, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 1 to 10, both inclusive, 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 Beck, Connor, Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works
December 15, 1950.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of the Department of Parks and Recreation requesting the vacation of Capitol and Wadsworth Avenues, between