

Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

**Department of Public Works**

September 27, 1951.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of Outer Drive Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church (1068), requesting the vacation of Ward Avenue between Santa Clara Avenue and Outer Drive. The vacation of said portion of street was approved by the City Plan Commission with the recommendation that an easement be retained over the east 6 feet of said street for a pedestrian way.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed, and they disclose that three City departments are affected by said vacation.

1. **Department of Public Works:** The petitioners deposited the sum of \$3,000, Receipt 29013, said amount being the estimated cost of doing the necessary curb relocation, etc., in connection with the vacation of Ward Avenue. This satisfies the requirements of the Department of Public Works.

2. **Department of Water Supply:** This department has a 6-inch water main located in Ward Avenue. The Board of Water Commissioners has entered into an agreement with the petitioners regarding said main and have advised that they have no further objection to the vacation of the street.

3. **The Detroit Fire Department:** This department advises that in view of the fact that the Department of Water Supply has obtained a right-of-way from the petitioners for the maintenance of the existing water main, the relocation of fire hydrants will be unnecessary, and has, therefore, waived further objection to the vacation of the street.

The privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of the street or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations therein.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
CARL D. WARNER,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Connor:

Resolved, That all that part of Ward Avenue, 150 feet wide, between Santa Clara Avenue and Outer Drive, as platted in Blackstone Park Subdivision No. 1, as recorded in Liber 48 of plats, Page 92, Wayne County Records, and in Benjamin F. Mortenson's Mortencrest No. 1 Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 50 of plats, Page

1. Wayne County Records, bounded by the north line of Santa Clara Avenue, 80 feet wide as now established, the east line of Jas. Couzens Highway, 204 feet wide as now established, and the south line of Outer Drive, 150 feet wide as now established, and the same is hereby vacated, be and the street to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property, subject to the following provision: An easement or right-of-way 6 feet in width or cepted from the above described vacation, said 6 feet to be used for a public pedestrian way, located on the east 6 feet of said Ward Avenue.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Garlick, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President—9.

Nays—None.

**Department of Public Works**

October 2, 1951.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Attached hereto is a resolution prepared by the Corporation Counsel with the approval of the Controller and the Mayor. This resolution appoints Mr. Glenn C. Richards as Administrator of Highway Matters under the new State Highway Act.

Under the Act, an administrator must be appointed before the Act becomes applicable to any City. Mr. Richards has been acting in a similar capacity in coordinating highway matters between the City, State and County, and it is my recommendation that the resolution be passed at once, so that further negotiations on the new Act can go forward immediately.

I would suggest that this be given immediate effect, as the Highway Commissioner has requested that the appointment be made at once.

Respectfully submitted,  
CARL D. WARNER,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Connor:

Whereas, The 1951 session of the Legislature passed several Acts relative to Gasoline and Weight taxes and the distribution of a portion of such taxes to the several counties, cities and villages; and

Whereas, Section 13 (e) of Senate Enrolled Act No. 36 provides, as follows:

"In each city and village to which funds are returned under the provisions of this section, the responsibility for all street improvement, maintenance and traffic operation work shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the governing body who shall be responsible for and shall represent the municipality in all transactions with the state highway commissioner pursuant to the provisions of this act,"

and