

Councilman Van Antwerp then moved that the motion to reconsider be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

The regular order was resumed.

**Department of Public Works**

March 21, 1951.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the recommendation of the City Plan Commission that Bates Street between Jefferson Avenue and Larned Street and the alleys in blocks bounded by Jefferson, Larned, Randolph and Woodward Avenues be vacated, said street and alleys being within the limits of the City—County Building Site.

Our investigations are completed and they disclose that various City departments and privately owned utility companies are affected by the vacations to a considerable extent, Bates Street being a central route for an important network of water mains, conduits, etc.

In order that the continued use of the present installations be not disrupted and yet to prevent the installation of additional facilities, we believe a resolution vacating the street and alleys should be adopted at this time. The vacation of the street and alleys would also permit the use of the site as a compact unit for any number of uses in the interim prior to the actual construction of the City—County Building.

The matter of reimbursing the various City departments whose installations will have to be rerouted may be taken up at such time as the City-County Building Authority requests the relocation of the facilities.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,  
Acting Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That all of Bates Street, 50 feet wide, between Jefferson Avenue and Larned Street, as platted in Section 1, Governor and Judges' plan of the City of Detroit; Also, all of the public alleys in blocks bounded by Woodward Avenue, Randolph Street, Jefferson Avenue, and Larned Street, as platted in Section 1, Governor and Judges' plan of the City of Detroit;

Be and the same are hereby vacated as a public street and as public alleys to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property.

And further Resolved, That all utilities except city-owned, are hereby ordered to vacate these premises.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor,

Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp and the President Pro Tem—6.  
Nays—None.

**Department of Public Works**

March 26, 1951.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—In response to the published advertisements, bids were received on March 20, 1951, for Street Paving Group 51-4 as follows:

**GROUP 51-4**

Contract PW-1573P, Patton, Westfield to W. Chicago.

Contract PW-1578W, Avon, Seven Mile to Vassar.

Contract PW-1579W, Berden, Moross to Kingsville.

Contract PW-1580W, Dolphin, Grove to Wyman.

Contract PW-1581W, Ellery Place, Forest to Hancock.

Contract PW-1582W, Glenco, Lahser to Bentler.

Contract PW-1583W, Grandville, Curtis to Margareta.

Contract PW-1584W, Heintz M. C. R. R. to Girardin.

Contract PW-1585W, Lenore, McNichols to Santa Maria.

Contract PW-1586W, Tireman, Burt to Pierson.

Contract PW-1587W, Warwick Pickford to Margareta.

Contract PW-1588W, Whitehead 437 ft. W. of Cicotte to Gilbert.

Contract PW-1589W, Worden, 359 ft. N. of Casino to Moross.

The tabulation of bids received on each of the contracts is attached hereto.

The average cost per front foot assessment of the bids received in this group compared to the two previous groups is as follows:

Group 51-2, 30-Foot Widths, \$6.780, 26-Foot Widths, \$5.804.

Group 51-3, 30-Foot Widths, \$6.150, 26-Foot Widths, \$5.573.

Group 51-4, 30-Foot Widths, \$6.286, 26-Foot Widths, \$5.711.

All groups to date—Average, 30-Foot Widths, \$6.462, 26-Foot Widths, \$5.696.

The low bid on each of the contracts is regular in all respects and in accordance with the contract requirements. It is recommended that the contract be awarded to the respective bidders as listed below and in the amounts stated. The total funds required include the cost of advertising, inspection, engineering and financing costs and minor contingencies, as well as the contract costs.

**GROUP 51-4**

To: J. Porath & Son Company:  
Contract PW-1573WP, \$9,779.65.

Total Funds Required, \$10,350.00.

To: Cooke Contracting Company:  
Contract PW-1578W, \$16,996.30.

Total Funds Required, \$18,125.00.