

By Councilman Kronk:

Whereas, The Common Council is informed by Police Commissioner George F. Boos that House Bill 400 has passed the State House of Representatives and is now pending before the State Senate, and

Whereas, Under the terms of this bill no municipality could pass any rule or regulations which would prohibit employees from joining any organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan, and

Whereas, We are informed that the actual purpose of this bill is to prohibit the Detroit Police Commissioner from keeping in force and effect a rule of many years' standing, prohibiting membership by police officers in the Fraternal Order of Police, and

Whereas, We are advised by Commissioner Boos that in his opinion membership in this organization by police officers is inimical to the public welfare and is not in the best interests of the members of the department, and

Whereas, This legislation is a direct invasion of Home Rule and tends to deprive the local community from administering its own local affairs; Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That this Common Council go on record opposing the passage of House Bill 400, and further that the State Senate be immediately notified of the terms of this resolution.

Approved as to form:

PAUL T. DWYER,

Acting Corporation Counsel.

Councilman Conner moved that the resolution be referred to Committee of the Whole, which motion did not prevail as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck and Connor—2.

Nays—Councilmen Kronk, Oakman, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President—6.

The resolution was then adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President—7.

Nays—Councilman Connor—1.

#### Department of Public Works

May 1, 1951.

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 a portion of Prest Avenue, between Orange-lawn and Elmira Avenues, within the limits of a recreational site. The vacation of said street was approved by the City Plan Commission with the recommendation that turn-arounds be provided at the south end of the portion of the street to be vacated.

Our investigations disclose that

three City departments are affected by the vacation of said street.

The Department of Parks and Recreation issued an interdepartmental purchase order, No. A-357, in the amount of \$450.00, to cover the cost of relocating a fire hydrant, necessitated by the vacation of the street.

The Department of Water Supply agreed to a reservation of an easement in the vacating resolution to protect its interests in the water main located in Prest Avenue.

In accordance with a recent directive of your Honorable Body, the Department of Public Works will stone the turn-arounds and charge the costs thereof against its street betterment funds.

As the vacation of the street is necessary to permit a more effective use of the recreational site, we recommended the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL D. WARNER,

Commissioner.

By Councilman Beck:

Resolved, That all that part of Prest Avenue, 60 feet wide, south of Elmira Avenue, as platted in Aviation Park Subdivision as recorded in Liber 49 of plats, Page 98, Wayne County Records, and in Asco Subdivision as recorded in Liber 52 of plats, Page 40, Wayne County Records, lying south of the south line of Elmira Avenue, and north of the arc of a circle, radius of which is 50 feet and the center point of which is in the intersection of the center line of Prest Avenue, 60 feet wide, with the south line, extended westerly, of the north 20 feet of lot 32, of last mentioned subdivision, be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property subject to the following provisions:

1) An easement or right-of-way is hereby reserved in and over the east 20 feet of the west 28 feet of the above described Prest Avenue, for the purpose of maintaining, repairing, replacing or removing the presently installed water main or its appurtenances; and further

2) No buildings shall be constructed over said easement so that it shall be of easy access for the purposes named above; and further

Resolved, That all that part of lots 17, 18, 31 and 32 of Asco Park Subdivision, and all that part of lots 94 and 95 of Nicholson Park Subdivision as recorded in Liber 52 of plats, Page 53, Wayne County Records, lying within the arcs of a circle, the radius of which is 50 feet and the center point of which is in the intersection of the center line of Prest Avenue, 60 feet wide, with the south line, extended westerly, of the north



20 feet of lot 32 of said Asco Park Subdivision, be and the same is hereby allocated and dedicated for use as a turn-around in Prest Avenue.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Kronk, Oakman, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, and the President—8.

Nays—None.

**Department of Public Works**

April 25, 1951.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen — This department's budget for 1951-2 contains a request for nine new street sweepers, at a total estimated cost of \$92,400.00. These are badly needed now and I therefore request that necessary action be taken to approve this item in the budget which is shown under Account Code Nos. 9029-546 and 9029-846.

We believe that we can get immediate delivery on these sweepers if the order can be placed immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL D. WARNER,  
Commissioner.

Approved:

JOHN H. WITHERSPOON,  
Controller.

By Councilman Connor:

Whereas, operating expenses must be provided for, which could not reasonably have been foreseen and adequately provided for in the tax levy for the current fiscal year; and

Whereas, it is deemed necessary and essential in the interest of the public peace, health and safety to provide for such additional expenses at this time; and

Whereas, it is declared necessary for said purpose to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$30,600 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1951-52, same being the fiscal year next succeeding the current 1950-1951 year, which expires June 30, 1951, as authorized by Act. No. 202 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended; and

Whereas, the total taxes levied for the City of Detroit for the current 1950-1951 fiscal year, which expires June 30, 1951, were in the sum of \$88,290,016.50, of which \$56,586,793.00 was levied for the operating expenses of the City of Detroit; and

Whereas, Act No. 202 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended, provides that not to exceed 50% of the operating tax levy of the current fiscal year may be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of taxes of the next succeeding year; and

Now, Therefore, Be It

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to borrow from time to time on the faith and credit of the City of Detroit a sum of money not to

exceed \$30,600 pursuant to Act. No. 202 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1943, as amended, for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of necessary operating expenses of the City of Detroit; and be it further

Resolved, That it is hereby irrevocably determined that there shall be levied on all taxable property in the City of Detroit for the fiscal year 1951-1952 the sum of \$30,600 for the purposes for which the loan is herein authorized; and be it further

Resolved, That an irrevocable appropriation be and the same is hereby made to pay the borrowings above authorized, or any part thereof which may be borrowed from the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1951-1952; and be it further

Resolved, That after a sum not to exceed \$2,291,630.00 as provided by resolution of the Common Council on October 27, 1950, J.C.C. p. 3052, November 28, 1950, J.C.C. p. 3308, January 30, 1951, J.C.C. p. 189, and April 3, 1951, J.C.C. p. 735, has been set aside, from the first collections of taxes for the ensuing year 1951-1952, there shall next be set aside in a special fund, that percentage of such collections as the tax levy for operating expenses for said fiscal year bears to the total tax levy until the amount in such fund shall equal the amount of the outstanding notes evidencing such borrowings with interest thereon to their maturity, or the date of payment, whichever is later; and be it further

Resolved, That the monies so set aside in said special fund shall be deposited in a bank account separate from any other monies of the municipality and shall be used for no purpose other than to retire the loans for the payment of which said special fund is hereby established; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of sale in a newspaper of general circulation for all or any part of the notes herein authorized, after said notice has been duly approved by the Municipal Finance Commission; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to date and to issue notes from time to time as required, evidencing the borrowing made under the authority hereof, which said notes shall be signed by the City Controller, shall bear interest at the rate of not to exceed two and one-half per cent (2½%) per annum from the date said notes are issued to the date of payment, shall be payable at such places and to such payees as will enable the City Controller to carry out the purposes hereof, and shall be in substantially the following form: