

Department of Public Works

January 21, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors (No. 6092), requesting the vacation of a portion of the east-west public alley in the block bounded by Hancock, Forest, Hasting and Rivard Streets.

The vacation of said portion of 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 all of our investigations are completed. In reply to our inquiries all City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of said portion of alley, or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioner regarding their installations therein.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL D. WARNER,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Youngblood:

Resolved, That all that part of the east-west public alley in the block bounded by Hastings, Rivard, Forest and Hancock Streets, as platted in T. W. Palmer's Subdivision of Outlots 6 and 7 and the south 292.85 feet of Outlot 5 of the Subdivision of the rear part of the Louis Moran Farm, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 9 of plats, Page 90, Wayne County Records, lying south of and adjoining the south line of lots 74 and 75 of last mentioned Subdivision, 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 Connor, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.

Nays—None.

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Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith the petition of the Drusilla Farwell Foundation (No. 7713), requesting the vacation and conversion into easements of certain alleys in the blocks bounded by Fenelon, Conley, Outer Drive, and Eight Mile Road. The granting of the petition was approved by the City Plan Commission with the recommendation that portions of the City recreational site on the west side of Fenelon Avenue be allocated by your Honorable Body for the widening of Fenelon Avenue to a 60-foot width. Your Committee of the Whole concurred in said recom-

mendation and referred the petition to this office for investigation and report.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed. In reply to our inquiries all City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of said alleys and the conversion of a portion thereof into easements.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL D. WARNER,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Youngblood:

Resolved, That all of north-south public alleys, 20 feet wide, in the blocks bounded by Fenelon, Conley, Outer Drive, and Eight Mile Road as platted in Seymour and Troester's Clairmount Park Subdivision No. 1, being part of the W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, T.1S., R.12E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 62, Page 95 of plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 684 to 780, both inclusive, and west of and adjoining the west line of lots 795 to 850, both inclusive, of last mentioned subdivision, be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property subject to the reservation by the City of the east 12 feet of said 20 foot north-south alley for easement purposes, which easement shall be subject to the provisions recited hereinbelow; Also, all of east-west public alley, 18 feet wide, in the block north of Outer Drive E., between Fenelon and Conley Avenues, as platted in said Seymour and Troester's Clairmount Park Subdivision No. 1, lying north of and adjoining the north line of lots 678 to 683, both inclusive, and south of and adjoining the south line of lots 684 and 850 and the alley lying between lots 684 and 850, be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property subject to the reservations by the City of the center 12 feet of said alley for easement purposes, which easement shall be subject to the provisions recited hereinbelow:

The easements above reserved shall be for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, replacing, or removing 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 to ingress and egress at any time to and over said easements for the purposes above set forth;

Further, the owners of the lots abutting on said easements shall neither construct or cause to be constructed any buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever (except

necessary line fences). If at any time in the future the owners of any property abutting on said easements shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities, such owners shall pay all costs incident to such removal and/or relocation, unless the charges are waived by the utility owners; and further

Resolved, That the east 17 feet of that part of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, T.1S., R.12E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, lying west of and adjoining the west line of Seymour and Troester's Clairmount Park Subdivision No. 1, between the north line of Outer Drive E., 150 feet wide as now established, and the south line of Eight Mile Road E., 204 feet wide as now established, be and the same is hereby allocated and dedicated for the widening of Fenelon Avenue to a width of 60 feet.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.
Nays—None.

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Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Department of Public Works is preparing plans for a much needed relief sewer in Fort Street between Govin and Solvay. Investigations show such a concentration of utility pipes and conduits overlying the proposed sewer that it is considered advisable to construct the sewer on private property south of the south property line of Fort Street in an open area used for trucking purposes by the State Liquor Control Commission and the Produce Terminal. This off-street construction will also result in less traffic interference in Fort Street during construction.

It is, therefore, recommended that your Honorable Body authorize and instruct the Corporation Counsel to negotiate a perpetual easement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of this sewer with the owners of the property involved, as shown on the City Engineer's Drawing DCD-22-29, accompanying.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL D. WARNER,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Youngblood:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate an agreement for a perpetual easement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a sewer with the owners of the property abutting the south side of Fort Street between Springwells and Solvay, as shown on the City Engineer's Drawing DCD-22-29.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Connor, Kronk, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.
Nays—None.

Purchases and Supplies

January 21, 1954.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—This letter is supplemental to our recommendation, File No. 3490, requesting permission to enter into contract with the Michigan Insurance Agency for furnishing Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance on the City's Automotive Equipment for an estimated premium of \$130,504.02. As instructed by your Honorable Body, the matter has been reviewed with the City Controller and the Corporation Counsel, and we respectfully submit the following:

For years, the City of Detroit has stipulated in its bid form and specifications that the underwriter to be considered as acceptable for furnishing this type of insurance would be as classified in the latest "Insurance Guide with Key Ratings" known as "Best's". This publication is a standard reference known to all in the insurance field and none other enjoys a higher reputation.

In the bid request under consideration, it stipulated a "General Policy Holder's" rating of "A". The "Best's" Book shows this to be "Excellent". The next lower rating is "B Plus", "Very Good". "B" is "Good", "C Plus" is "Fairly Good", and "C" is "Fair". The General Policy Holder's Rating, as we understand it, represents this publisher's opinion of the method in which the underwriter handles claims and is a composite of a number of intangibles and factors important to the policy holder's interests.

In the present instance, Edwin S. Karrer, Inc. offers a policy to be written by the Manufacturers Casualty Insurance Company. This was the low bid by approximately \$21,000.00. This underwriter is rated in the "Best's" most recent publication as "B Plus", although the specifications requested "A". In so doing, this bidder did not avail himself of instructions on the bid form stating that when a bidder has sufficient reason to wish a revision in specifications, any such request will receive consideration if presented in advance of the bid opening date. Further, that when such a change is issued, bidders will be so notified and bid opening date postponed if necessary.

The City Controller has weighed all the factors and feels that the City's best interests, including those who may be unfortunate enough to be involved in accidents, are best served by a company whose rating is nothing less than "Excellent".

In the hearing before your Honorable Body, the low bidder contended