

distribution period, the sales tax collection were running 3% lower than last year's collection. If this trend should continue for the balance of the fiscal year, we could expect our share of the taxes to be about \$400,000 short of our budget estimate. However, the last month's collection has shown an improvement over the prior months and if this trend continues, the unrealized amount will be considerably less than indicated at present.

Current tax collections are at the level estimated in the budget. Other revenues which are primarily charges for departmental services, fees, and licenses do not ordinarily materially differ from budget estimates. Traffic court fine collections are slightly below those estimated in the budget.

On the expenditure side, with the exception of the Welfare Department, the overall expenditures are being maintained within the appropriations. As a result of the ability to fill positions and lower personnel turnover, we do not expect any year-end surplus, such as the \$1,440,000 which was used to reduce the current budget. The Welfare caseload is running in excess of that anticipated when the budget was prepared, however, the last few months have shown an improvement in the employment picture, and the anticipated deficit should be considerably less than the \$2,000,000 forecast by the department. Any Welfare deficit will have to be financed in the 1955-56 budget.

On the basis of the present ability of the Police Department to hire patrolmen, we do not anticipate any surpluses in the Police Department beyond the \$760,000 estimated appropriations balance credit applied in the Police Budget. On basis of hiring trends, this credit will not be available to finance next year's budget.

A savings credit of \$2,475,000 was included in the current budget to be allocated to the several departments in addition to the \$760,000 of appropriations specifically included in the Police Budget as a potential savings. We have allocated and earmarked \$1,500,000 of this amount to the departments, estimating that the difference of \$975,000 would be made up from various balances in the appropriations. In most instances, these savings should be realized, although the departments whose budgets are based on formulas and the personnel is based on work loads, such as the hospitals, are experiencing difficulty in trying to realize the savings.

In summary, there will be no net surpluses in revenues or appropriations. However, there will be a deficit in the Welfare Department. In order to bring the budget into closer balance, we are planning some curtailment of the present rate of operating

expenditures in the various city departments for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,
R. S. REASON,
Budget Director.

Approved:
J. H. WITHERSPOON, Controller.
Received and placed on file.

Corporation Counsel
January 27, 1955.

Honorable Common Council:
In the Matter of Vacation of Public Alleys, etc., Wayne Circuit Court Nos. 279, 350-51-52.

Gentlemen—This is to inform your Honorable Body that on January 25, 1955, orders were signed by Hon. George Edwards, Wayne Circuit Judge, vacating the following listed alleys, located in the City of Detroit:

Bounded by Hoyt, Anvil Avenues, Edmore and Collingham Drives. Common Council Petition No. 1392.

Bounded by Grayton, Britain, Beaconsfield and Roxbury Avenues. Common Council Petition No. 1485.

Bounded by Burt Road, Pierson, Puritan and Florence Avenues. Common Council Petition No. 5699.

The Orders provide that public easements for public utility purposes be retained in the lands formerly comprising the alleys.

We submit herewith, for your consideration, a resolution directing the City Clerk to record the attached true copies of the Orders with the Wayne County Register of Deeds, pursuant to the Orders of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT REESE,
Asst. Corp. Counsel.

By Councilman Beck:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to record the attached Orders within 30 days of the date hereof, vacating public alleys located in the City of Detroit and bounded by Hoyt, Anvil Avenues, Edmore and Collingham Drives; Grayton, Britain, Beaconsfield and Roxbury Avenues; Burt Road, Pierson, Puritan and Florence Avenues; and converting same to public easements for public utility purposes, in accordance with the foregoing communication from the Corporation Counsel.

Approved:
P. T. DWYER, Corp. Counsel.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Mirani—9.

Nays—None.

Corporation Counsel
January 26, 1955.

Honorable Common Council:
Gentlemen—Attached hereto please find resolution of necessity and public