

pend Rule 23 for the purpose of indefinitely postponing the motion to reconsider, which motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.

Nays—None.

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

The regular order was resumed.

Department of Public Works

June 10, 1955.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—About a year ago your Honorable Body approved the appointment, on a provisional basis, of Mr. Adde Laurin, a citizen of Sweden, to the staff of the Highway and Expressway Division of the Department of Public Works in the class of Senior Assistant Traffic Engineer.

Before coming to the City of Detroit, Mr. Laurin had an extensive background of experience in the field of traffic engineering, and was unusually well qualified from a professional point of view for the duties to which he was assigned in our Highway and Expressway Division.

His current assignment involving the supervision of a group of four engineers consists of the conduct of traffic studies and design work relative to expressway roads and interchanges. This is an extremely important phase of the Expressway Program, and the Civil Service Commission has been unable to recruit a qualified eligible who would be capable of performing the duties.

Mr. Laurin's work assignments have been at the Associate Traffic Engineer level rather than at the level to which he was appointed of Senior Assistant Traffic Engineer.

Since his current appointment expires on June 17, 1955, we respectfully request that your Honorable Body grant the Civil Service Commission permission to waive citizenship in Mr. Laurin's case, which would permit his reappointment on a provisional basis at the level of Associate Traffic Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,
GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Rogell:

Resolved, That the waiver of citizenship requirement for Adde Laurin for reappointment on a provisional basis as Associate Traffic Engineer be and the same is hereby approved for a period of one year.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.
Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

June 27, 1955.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of Food Warehouse, Incorporated, and the A.A.W. Warehouse, Incorporated (No. 3604), requesting the vacation of Decatur Avenue, between Belton and VanBuren Avenues. The vacation of said street was approved by the City Plan Commission in its communication to your Honorable Body of February 18, 1955.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

As per our directive on June 27, 1955, the petitioners deposited into the City Treasury the sum of \$1,457.19, Receipt No. B-46173, credited to Department of Water Supply Fund Code No. 601-9300-0-6290-608, said amount being estimated cost of constructing blow-off assembly, necessitated by the vacation of said street, and reimbursement for their remaining equity in the water main.

On June 27, 1955 the petitioners also deposited into the City Treasury the sum of \$700.00, Receipt No. B-46174, credited to the Detroit Fire Department Fund Code No. 160-9400-0, said amount being the estimated cost of removing and relocating one fire hydrant, necessitated by the vacation of said street.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of said 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,
GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That all of Decatur Avenue, 50 feet wide between Belton and VanBuren Avenues, as platted in Montrose Subdivision being a re-subdivision of all of Lots 9 and 10, part of Lots 11 and 12, and all of lots 13 to 18 inclusive and Lot 20 of Robert M. Grindley's Subdivision No. 6 of Little Farms, of part of N.E. ¼ of N.E. ¼ of Section 6, T. 2 S., R. 11 E., Greenfield Township, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 58, Page 77 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying west of and adjoining the west line of lots 64 to 73 both inclusive, west of and adjoining the west line of the north 26 feet of lot 74, east of and adjoining the east line of lots 78 to 87 both inclusive, and east of and adjoining the east line of the north 26 feet of lot 77 of the above mentioned subdivision, be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street to become

a part and parcel of the adjoining property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works
June 27, 1955.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—The petition of General Motors Corporation (No. 3738), requesting the vacation of the remaining alleys south of Fort Street and east of West End Avenue was referred to this office by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report. The vacation of said alleys was previously approved by the City Plan Commission.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

The petitioner on June 27, 1955, paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$296.15, Receipt No. B-46172, credited to Public Works Maintenance Fund Code No. 143-6221-1, to reimburse the City for the original cost of paving the east ½ of West End Avenue at the intersection of the alley to be vacated.

The petitioner also deposited with the Permit Division of the Department of Public Works the sum of \$575.00, Receipt No. 65445, said amount being the estimated cost of removing the paved return at the entrance to the alley and the construction of sidewalk and straight curbing necessitated by the vacation of said alleys.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of said alleys, or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioners regarding their installations therein.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That all that part of north-south public alley 20 feet wide, south of Fort Street and east of West End Avenue as platted in M. Sage's Subdivision of part of Lot 13 of P.C. 718, South of Fort Street, Springwells, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4, Page 21 of Plats Wayne County Records lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 8 to 11 both inclusive, east of and adjoining the east line of the south 18 feet of lot 7, west of and adjoining the west line of lots 24 to 27 both inclusive, and west of and adjoining the west line of the south 18 feet of lot 23, of the above mentioned subdivision.

Also, all of the east-west public alley 18 feet wide, south of Fort Street and east of West End Avenue, which

alley was deeded to the City of Detroit, said deed having been accepted by the Common Council of the City of Detroit on January 5, 1909, and which alley is in fact the south 18 feet of lot 7 of M. Sage's Subdivision of part of lot 13 of P.C. 718, South of Fort Street, Springwells, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4, Page 21 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

Also, all that part of alley turnaround, south of Fort Street, and east of West End Avenue, which turnaround was deeded to the City of Detroit, said deed having been accepted by the Common Council of the City of Detroit on December 2, 1930, and which turnaround is in fact the east 5 feet of the south 30 feet of lot 11, and the west 5 feet of the south 30 feet of lot 27 of M. Sage's Subdivision of part of Lot 13 of P.C. 718, South of Fort Street, Springwells, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 4, Page 21 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

Be and the same are hereby vacated as public alley to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property; and further,

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue Quit Claim Deed to General Motors Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, as the owner in fee of the adjacent property.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—8.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works
June 23, 1955.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—As a result of complaints from residents and City Departments, we have investigated the streets listed below and find that they are either a nuisance because of dust, mud, and water, or they are a source of constant expenditures for maintenance. The streets in question are as follows:

Pierson—From Warren to Sawyer.

Swain—From West Jefferson to Fort.

Pembroke—From Stout to Evergreen.

Strathmoor—From James Couzens to Vassar.

It is our recommendation that the above streets be ordered paved under the Forced Paving Clause of the City Charter in accordance with the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That it is hereby declared necessary that the streets listed in the foregoing communication be paved with the material to the width recommended, and that the Commissioner