

Department of Public Works  
August 23, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:  
Gentlemen—Several months ago, the Department purchased a strip of land adjacent to our Sewer Yard located at State Fair and John R.

The Department is in process of improving this yard, and we wish to construct on the south side a 12-foot cinder block fence. We have contacted the adjacent property owner, Mr. Frank W. Donovan, 417 Ford Building, who approves of our recommendation.

We have had this matter up with the Department of Building and Safety and they advise that this district is zoned for heavy manufacturing and the construction of a 12-foot fence could be approved. However, under the building code, any height greater than 8 feet must have the approval of your Honorable Body.

May we, therefore, ask that your Honorable Body authorize the Department of Building and Safety to grant the necessary permit for the construction of this cinder block 12-foot fence. Funds for this work are available in our present budget.

We attach a copy of letter from Mr. Frank W. Donovan, one of the owners, in which he signifies his approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
GLENN C. RICHARDS, Commr.

Approved:  
E. P. RIEHL, Deputy Controller.  
McClintock, Fulton, Donovan & Waterman  
Ford Building  
Detroit 26

August 20, 1956.

Mr. S. G. Gentile, Administrator  
Department of Public Works  
Dear Mr. Gentile:

I refer to your letter of August 2 to Mr. Clarence Rupp of National Biscuit Company, 19679 John R Street with reference to construction of a cinder block wall along your sewer maintenance and sanitation yard.

The fee title to this property is owned by E. L. Ecclestone, A. R. Glancy, Jr. and myself. We have no objection to the construction of the suggested wall, providing the wall is constructed upon the city property.

Very truly yours,  
FRANK W. DONOVAN.

By Councilman Wise:

Resolved, That the Department of Building and Safety is hereby authorized and directed to issue the necessary permit to the Department of Public Works for the construction of a 12-foot cinder block fence at the Sewer Yard, located at State Fair and John R, without cost.

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

Department of Public Works  
August 20, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:  
Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of the Lafayette Steel Company, Petition No. 4087, requesting the vacation of the alleys south of Sanders Avenue, east and west of Fordson Avenue. The request was approved by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of September 15, 1955.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

On August 20, 1956, the petitioner deposited with the City Treasurer the sum of \$1,200.00, Receipt No. C-11254, credited to the Department of Water Supply Fund Code No. 601-9300-001 (6290-980), said amount being the estimated cost of abandoning a 6 inch water main, to plug a tee in south Dix at the Wabash R.R. right-of-way and to plug a hydrant tee in Fordson Avenue north of the Wabash R.R. right-of-way, necessitated by the vacation of said alleys.

A proper provision is incorporated into the vacating resolution protecting the City's interests in the sewers located in the alleys to be vacated. All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they are unaffected by the vacation of said alleys or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioner regarding their installations therein.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
GLENN C. RICHARDS, Commr.

By Councilman Wise:

Resolved, That all of the north-south public alley 20 feet wide bounded by South Dix, Fordson, Sanders Avenues, and Wabash Railroad right-of-way, as platted in G. W. Zanger Oakwood Subdivision of Part of Private Claims 667 and 37, Village of Oakwood, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 43, Page 40 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 86 to 111 both inclusive, west of and adjoining the west line of lots 112 to 136 both inclusive and west of and adjoining the west line of the 20 ft. east-west public alley lying south of lot 112 of the above mentioned subdivision.

Also, all of the east-west public alley 20 feet wide west of Fordson Avenue, north of the Wabash Railroad right-of-way, as platted in said G. W. Zanger Oakwood subdivision as recorded in Liber 43, Page 40 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying south of and adjoining the south line of lot 112 of the above mentioned subdivision.

Also, all of the east-west public



alley 20 feet wide east of Fordson Avenue, north of the Wabash Railroad right-of-way, as platted in said G. W. Zanger Oakwood Subdivision as recorded in Liber 43, Page 40 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying south of and adjoining the south line of lot 331 of the above mentioned subdivision.

Also, all of the north-south public alley 20 feet wide, bounded by Fordson, Rouge, Sanders Avenues and the Wabash Railroad right-of-way, the westerly 10 feet being platted in G. W. Zanger Oakwood Subdivision of Part of Private Claims 667 and 37, Village of Oakwood, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 43, Page 40 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lots 307 to 331 both inclusive, and east of and adjoining the east line of the 20 ft. east-west public alley lying south of lot 331 of the above mentioned subdivision, the easterly 10 feet being platted in G. W. Zanger Dix Avenue Subdivision of Part of Private Claims 37 and 667, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 58, Page 25 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying west of and adjoining the west line of lots 67 to 83 both inclusive and west of and adjoining the west line of the 20 ft. east-west vacated alley lying south of lot 83 of the last mentioned subdivision.

Be and the same are hereby vacated as public alleys to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property, subject to the following provisions:

- 1) Provided, That by reason of the vacation of the above-described alleys, the City of Detroit does not waive any right to the sewers located there-in and at all times shall have the right to enter upon the premises, if found necessary, on account of said sewers to repair, alter, or service same; and further
- 2) Provided, that if a building is to be constructed over said sewers, the sewers shall be replaced with cast iron pipe of the same size, re-routed or encased in 6 inches of Class A concrete, or in lieu of the above, such work shall be done as will be specified by the City Engineer all of the work mentioned to be done under the supervision and inspection of the Department of Public Works and all costs entailed to be borne by the petitioners, their successors, or assigns; and further
- 3) Provided, That no buildings shall be constructed over said sewers without the prior approval of such building construction by the City Engineer and the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering; and further
- 4) Provided, In the event that the sewers located in said alleys, if built upon, shall break causing damage

to any construction above, the petitioners and its assigns, by acceptance of the permit for building over said sewers, waive all claims for damages to such construction and agree to pay all costs incident to the repair of such broken sewer.

Adopted as follows:

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

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August 20, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:  
Gentlemen—A parcel of property comprising about 2.45 Acres on the west side of the Rouge River and abutting on the north property line of Fenkell lies in the present or the possible future flood plan of the Rouge River. In the 1954 condemnation of property along the Rouge, this parcel was not included in the taking and the owner now desires to sell the property for commercial purposes.

This parcel cannot be properly sewered and has been included on our map as an area to be acquired for flood control purposes.

In fairness to the owner, we recommend that the property be condemned for park and recreational purposes and for the Rouge Valley Flood control.

A description of this property is as follows:

A part of the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 16, T1S, R10E being all that property lying west of the Rouge River and east of lots 215, 312, 313 and 314 of the Aberdeen Heights Subdivision with approximately 460 feet frontage on the north side of Fenkell Avenue and extending northward 297 feet to the south line of lot 315 of the above subdivision, comprising approximately 2.45 acres.

It is my recommendation that the Corporation Counsel be instructed to acquire this vacant property by condemnation, as soon as possible in accordance with the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,  
Commissioner.

By Councilman Wise:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be and hereby is authorized and directed to proceed forthwith to acquire by condemnation the parcel of property lying west of the Rouge River and abutting on Fenkell Avenue, comprising approximately 2.45 acres, more fully described in the accompanying letter, for park and recreational purposes and for Rouge River Valley flood control.

Adopted as follows:

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