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After careful review of these bids with members of our staff, representatives of the Riverama Committee and the Department of Purchases and Supplies, we have decided that the bid from the American Fireworks Company is the most acceptable because of past performance and better insurance protection to the city.

This program will be held on August 30, and due to the short period of time, we respectfully request that the reconsideration period be waived.

Will your Honorable Body, therefore, authorize us to enter into a suitable contract with the American Fireworks, Incorporated of Hudson, Ohio for these services.

Respectfully submitted,
 HOWARD CROWELL,
 Asst. General Superintendent.

Parks and Recreation

August 7, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—In connection with the fireworks display to be presented on August 30, as part of the Riverama Festival we asked for bids in terms of a \$3,000.00 program.

Since each company has a different way of describing its product, we have attempted to analyze their bids in terms of the various types of shell as submitted in each prospectus. There are several factors that enter into the determination of what you want to buy in a fireworks display. There is not only the matter of the size of the shell, but the number of breaks in each one which make them more spectacular to see.

We are submitting herewith our analysis of the bids as received from the various companies. Two companies, the American and Illinois Fireworks Companies seem to be pretty close together in the type of program submitted. We have recommended that the American Fireworks Company be awarded the contract on the following two considerations:

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2. This company also gave better insurance coverage on their program. We hope this information meets with your approval.

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 Asst. Genl. Superintendent.
 HAZEN L. FUNK, Comm.,
 Dept. of Purchases & Supplies.

By Councilman Connor:

Resolved, That the Parks and Recreation Commission be and it is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract with the American Fireworks, Inc., for fireworks display in connection with the Riverama festival on August 30th, 1956.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.

Nays—None.

Reconsideration

Councilman Connor moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted.

Councilman Rogell moved to suspend Rule 23 for the purpose of indefinitely postponing the motion to reconsider, which motion prevailed as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor, Lincoln, Rogell, Smith, Van Antwerp, Wise, Youngblood, and President Miriani—9.

Nays—None.

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

The regular order was resumed.

Department of Public Works

August 1, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of Frank Wilson et al (7112), requesting the vacation of portions of Essex Avenue right-of-way, east of Ashland Avenue. The vacation of said portions of Essex Avenue was approved by the City Plan Commission in their communication to your Honorable Body of April 13, 1956.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

As per our directive, on July 23, 1956, the petitioners paid into the City Treasury the sum of \$232.31, Receipt No. B-3083, credited to the Public Works Maintenance Fund Code No. 143-0000(6221), to reimburse the City for the original cost of paving the east one-half of Ashland Avenue at the intersection of the portions of Essex Avenue to be vacated.

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of installing two 10-foot paved returns, sidewalk, and paving the remaining intersection, necessitated by the vacation of said portions of Essex Avenue.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of the above mentioned portions of 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 Beck:

Resolved, That the south 20 feet of Essex Avenue, 60 feet wide as now established, as platted in Freud's Fox Creek Subdivision of Part of P.C. 120, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 27, Page 2 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying between the east line of Ashland Avenue, 60 feet wide as now established, and a line 10 feet west of and parallel to the west line of Alter Road, 66 feet wide as now established.

Also the north 10 feet of Essex Avenue, 60 feet wide as now established, as platted in Freud's Fox Creek Subdivision of Part of P.C. 120, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 27, Page 2 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying between the east line of Ashland Avenue, 60 feet wide as now established, and a line 10 feet west of and parallel to the west line of Alter Road, 66 feet wide as now established.

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property.

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The regular order was resumed.

Department of Public Works

July 27, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Parks and Recreation Commission has requested the City Engineer's Office to prepare the necessary drawings and specifications for the O'Shea Community Center and the Kemeny (Southwest) Community Center. The City Engineer does not have, presently available, the staff necessary to produce these documents within the time desired.

Consequently, representatives of the City Engineer's Office and the Department of Parks and Recreation interviewed several architectural and engineering firms who have worked on projects of a similar nature. As a result of such interviews, two firms were considered to have the greatest and most recent experience in this specific type of project, these being Mr. Robert L. Svoboda and Brender & Van Reyendam.

It is, therefore, recommended that authority be granted to engage the services of the above to prepare the necessary drawings and specifications under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Kemeny (Southwest) Community Center—Mr. Robert L. Svoboda. Architect's fee \$13,000.00 which is available in Account 116-5290-921.

O'Shea Community Center—Brender & Von Reyendam. Architect's fee \$9,600.00 which is available in Account 116-5290-922.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner,

Recommended:

HOWARD CROWELL,

Ass't. General Superintendent,
Department of Parks & Recreation.

By Councilman Beck:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into professional contract with Brender & Van Reyendam for the preparation of drawings and specifications for the O'Shea Community Center for a fee of \$9,600.00, and to enter into professional contract with Mr. Robert L. Svoboda for the preparation of drawings and specifications for the Kemeny (Southwest) Community Center for a fee of \$13,000.00 in accordance with the foregoing communication; and be it further

Resolved, That the Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to honor vouchers when presented covering such costs and charge them to Account 116-5290-922 for the O'Shea Community Center and Account 116-5290-921 for the Kemeny (Southwest) Community Center.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Connor,