

Department of Public Works

February 3, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Contract PW-2576W is for the paving of West Parkway, Joy to Dover. The Cooke Contracting Company is the Contractor. The total amount of the accepted proposal was \$48,445.65, of which \$37,447.90 was in the Assessment Portion and \$10,997.75 was in the City Intersection Portion.

The distribution of the construction costs was later changed by the Board of Assessors in the Assessment Roll with \$21,951.23 for the Assessment Portion, and \$26,494.42 for the City Intersection Portion.

Under the provisions of the resolution authorizing the Contract, any additions or deductions in the Assessment Portion exceeding 1 percent must be approved by the Common Council before the adjustment of the difference is applied to the City Intersection Portion.

During the course of construction, excavated material from the job site was substituted for the sand-gravel fill originally required. This resulted in a decrease of \$442.20, or approximately 2 percent of the revised Assessment Portion of the construction costs.

It is recommended that the adjustment be made by deducting the \$442.20 from the City Intersection Portion and that the revised Assessment Portion remain unchanged.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Beck:

Resolved, That the adjustment in the constructed quantities in the Assessment Portion amounting to \$442.20, in connection with the paving of West Parkway, Joy to Dover, Contract PW-2576W, be applied to the City Intersection Portion and that the final assessment cost for construction remain at \$21,951.23, the same as in the revised assessment roll.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

January 26, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—In response to published advertisements, two bids were received on January 24, 1956, for New Sluice Gate, Pump No. 1 at the Fairview Pumping Station, Contract PW-2162, as listed on the attached tabulation.

The low bid was regular in all respects, and in accordance with the Contract requirements. It is, therefore, recommended that the Contract be awarded to the low bidder, R. E.

Dalley & Company, in the amount of \$5,390.00.

In addition to the Contract price it is estimated that \$410.00 will be required to cover the cost of advertising, inspection, and minor contingencies, making the total funds required \$5,800.00 which are available in Account 124-2340-305.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Smith:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Public Works be and is hereby authorized and directed to enter into contract for the New Sluice Gate, Pump No. 1 at the Fairview Pumping Station, Contract PW-2162, with R. E. Dalley & Company in the amount of \$5,390.00; and be it further

Resolved, That the Controller be and is hereby authorized and directed to honor vouchers when presented, the vouchers to include the cost of advertising, inspection, and minor contingencies, as well as the Contract cost and charge them to Account 124-2340-305.

Approved:

E. P. RIEHL, Deputy Controller.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

January 19, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole referred to this office for investigation and report the petition of Irving Ellman and Herb Pfeffer, Petition No. 4860, requesting the vacation of Dequindre Avenue, between Hale and Scott Streets. The vacation of said street was approved by the City Plan Commission in its communication to your Honorable Body of November 10, 1955.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

The petitioners paid into the City Treasury the amount of \$165.96, Receipt No. C-22034, to be credited to the Public Works Maintenance Fund Code No. 143-6221-1, to reimburse the City of Detroit for the original cost of paving the south ½ of Hale Street and the north ½ of Scott Street at the intersection of the street to be vacated.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the vacation of said street.

We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That all that part of Dequindre Avenue between Hale and Scott Streets, as platted in Subdivision of Lot 5 of the Subdivision of Rear of Dequindre Farm, north of North Street, now Division Street, as recorded in Liber 53, Page 195 of Deeds, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the east line of lot 51, east of and adjoining the east line of north 100 feet of lot 70, of the above mentioned subdivision, and west of and adjoining the west line of the Grand Trunk Western Railroad Right-of-Way, be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street to become a part and parcel of the adjoining property subject to the rights of any persons or owners of property presently serviced by the spur track located in said portion of Dequindre Street herein vacated.

Adopted as follows:

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

Nays—None.

Purchases and Supplies

January 17, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Under date of June 21, 1955 (File No. 4998), your Honorable Body authorized this department to enter into contract with United States Pipe & Foundry Co., of Chicago, Illinois, for furnishing and delivering Pipe and Fittings, Cast Iron, High Pressure, for the sum of \$12,710.61, and a purchase order was issued in that amount on June 29, 1955.

The Department of Water Supply, on December 22, 1955, requested cancellation of this contract because the Board of Fire Commissioners had decided to abandon the project for which these fittings were ordered.

We have been notified that the major portion of the order is ready for delivery and that our vendor, the U. S. Pipe & Foundry Co., has no market for this material and, therefore, has offered as the salvage value of metal, \$40.00 per ton for the fabricated items. No charge will be made for three lengths of pipe, which is the unfabricated balance of the order. The Department of Water Supply recommends that we accept their offer, as the City has not foreseeable need for the material and will obtain an allowance for freight charges.

The following credits will be deducted from the purchase order total of \$12,710.61:

Pipe not fabricated—2 lengths, 20 in. x 12 ft., S&S, \$1,960.74; 1 length, 20 in. x 8 ft. 3 in., B&S, \$766.99.

Salvage value—18.66 gross tons, \$746.40; freight allowance, \$364.91; total credits, \$3,839.04.

The balance which must be paid to

the U. S. Pipe & Foundry Co. as a result of this cancellation is \$8,871.57.

Will your Honorable Body approve cancellation of this contract and authorize payment as noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN F. KLANG,
Secretary.

Controller

February 10, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—This is in reply to the request of Your Honorable Body for a report and recommendation on the cancellation of the contract with the U. S. Pipe and Foundry Company for High Pressure System pipe and fittings.

On February 6, 1956, the Board of Fire Commissioners approved the abandonment of the High Pressure Pumping System and set July 1, 1956, as the date its use will be discontinued. This office concurs with the action of the Fire Department.

Therefore, cancellation of the order for high pressure system parts is in order, and it is recommended that the settlement as outlined in the communication from the Purchasing Department be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. WITHERSPOON,
Controller.

Board of Fire Commissioners

February 6, 1956.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Board of Fire Commissioners, by unanimous decision and vote at its regular meeting held Monday, February 6, hereby announces that as soon as it can be properly accomplished, with a projected date of July 1, 1956, the use of the high pressure pumping system of the department be discontinued. The action has been decided upon only after extensive and careful surveys of the area of Detroit serviced by the high pressure system and the concurrences of the chief officers of the department.

The high pressure system of the Detroit Fire Department is a totally separate method of water supply which was built in approximately 1929 and covers an area of lower Detroit from the waterfront to Vernor Hwy. on the north, and from Hastings Street on the east to approximately Third Street on the west, with two branches running along West Jefferson Avenue and Fort Street to Twelfth Street.

The source of supply for this system is through raw water intakes from the River at the foot of Randolph Street and is distributed through a system of high pressure mains totally separate from the low pressure domestic water system of the city to special hydrants solely