

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 sewer without the prior approval of such building construction by the City Engineer and the Department of Buildings and Safety Engineering; and further

4) Provided, That in the event that the sewer located in said alley, if built upon, shall break causing damage to any construction above, the petitioner and their assigns by acceptance of the permit for building over said sewer, waive all claims for damages to such construction and agree to pay all costs incident to the repair of said broken sewer.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Brickley, Connor, Patrick, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp, Wierzbicki and President Carey—9.

Nays—None.

**Department of Public Works**

April 16, 1962.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen — Submitted herewith for confirmation are contracts entered into as authorized and directed by your formal proceedings dated below:

Contract No. PW-4220, Description Demolition of Building—8966 Mt. Elliott, Contractor's Name C. & D. Richardson Co., Award Authorized 3-27-62.

Contract No. PW-4230, Demolition of Buildings—567-69 S. Post, Contractor's Name C. & D. Richardson Co., Award Authorized 3-27-62.

Contract No. PW-4235, Demolition of Building—13938-40 Turner, Contractor's Name C. & D. Richardson Co., Award Authorized 3-27-62.

Respectfully submitted,

GLENN C. RICHARDS,

Commissioner.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That contracts as listed in the foregoing communication be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Yeas — Councilmen Beck, Brickley, Connor, Patrick, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp, Wierzbicki and President Carey—9.

Nays—None.

**Reconsideration**

Councilman Wierzbicki 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, Brickley, Connor, Patrick, Ravitz, Rogell, Van

Antwerp, Wierzbicki and President Carey—9.

Nays—None.

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

The regular order was resumed.

**Department of Public Works**

April 6, 1962.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—We are returning herewith the petition of the Board of Education, No. 10882, requesting the vacation of a portion of Lysander Avenue east and west of Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn Avenue north of Lysander Avenue, and the alleys east of Brooklyn Avenue north of Lysander Avenue. The vacation of said streets and alleys was approved by the City Plan Commission with the recommendation that sufficient land be dedicated to the City of Detroit for an alley outlet into Forest Avenue. The petition was then referred to this office by your Committee of the Whole for investigation and report.

We wish to advise that our investigations are completed.

As per our directive, the petitioner issued a Purchase Order, No. 80725, in the amount of \$1,250.00, in favor of the Detroit Fire Department, to cover the costs of removing and re-routing three fire hydrants located in the streets to be vacated.

The petitioner also issued a Purchase Order No. 80726, in the amount of \$250.00, in favor of the Department of Public Works, Street Design Bureau, said amount being the original cost of paving the streets at the intersection of the streets and alleys to be vacated.

The petitioner also issued a Purchase Order No. 80727, in the amount of \$6,630.00, in favor of the Department of Public Works, Street Maintenance Division, to cover the costs of removing the paved street and alley returns, construct new curb and walk, backfill when necessary, remove two trees, construct a new paved alley return and improve the newly deeded alley.

The petitioner also issued a Purchase Order No. 80729, in the amount of \$2,000.00, in favor of the Public Lighting Commission to cover the costs of removing street lighting facilities located in the streets and alleys to be vacated.

All other City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they will be unaffected by the change provided or that they have no objection to the conversion of the streets into easements, provided that proper provisions are incorporated into the vacating resolution protecting their interests in the installations located in said streets, and that they have no objection to the vacation of the aforementioned alleys.



We recommend the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
**GLENN C. RICHARDS,**  
 Commissioner.

By Councilman Ravitz:

**RESOLVED,** That all that part of Lysander Avenue, 50 feet wide, east of Lincoln Avenue, 70 feet wide, as platted in Hodges Subdivision of Lots 48 and 49 Baker Farm as recorded in Liber 5 Page 57 of Plats, Wayne County Records lying south of and adjoining the southerly line of Lot 1, south of and adjoining the southerly line of Brooklyn Avenue, 60 feet wide, south of and adjoining the southerly line of Lot 10, south of and adjoining the southerly line of the 12.00 foot public alley adjoining Lot 10, all of the above mentioned subdivision;

Also, All that part of Lysander Avenue, 50 feet wide, west of Sixth Street, 50 feet wide, as platted in Snows Subdivision of Lots 50 and 58 Wesson's Section of the Labrosse and Baker Farms and Lots 30 and 31 of Subdivision of the Baker Farm north of Chicago Road as recorded in Liber 9 Page 20 of Plats, Wayne County Records lying south of and adjoining the southerly line of Lots 1 to 5 both inclusive all of the above mentioned subdivision;

Also, All that part of Lysander Avenue, 50 feet wide, west of Sixth Street, 50 feet wide, as platted in Wesson's Section of the Labross and Baker Farms as recorded in Liber 44 Page 9 of Deeds, Wayne County Records, lying south of and adjoining the southerly line of the westerly 85.50 feet of Lot 51 of the above mentioned subdivision;

Also, All that part of Lysander Avenue, 50 feet wide, west of Sixth Street, 50 feet wide, as platted in the Subdivision of Lots 52 and 53 and east one-half of Lot 51 of Wesson's Section of the Labrosse Farm as recorded in Liber 1 Page 275 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying south of and adjoining the southerly line of Lot 19 of the above mentioned subdivision;

Also, All that part of Brooklyn Avenue, 60 feet wide, north of Lysander Avenue, 50 feet wide, as platted in Hodges Subdivision of Lots 48 and 49 Baker Farm as recorded in Liber 5 Page 57 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of Lots 1 to 5 both inclusive, and lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of Lots 6 to 10 both inclusive, all of the above mentioned subdivision;

Also, All that part of Brooklyn Avenue, 60 feet wide, south of Forest Avenue, 70 feet wide, as platted in Snows Subdivision of Lots 50 and 58 of Wesson's Section of Labrosse and Baker Farms and Lots 30 and 31

of Subdivision of the Baker Farm as recorded in Liber 9 Page 20 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of Lots 33 and 34 and lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of Lots 31 and 32, all of the above mentioned subdivision;

Be and the same are vacated as public streets and are hereby converted into public easements of the full width of the streets, which easements shall be subject to the following covenants and agreements, reservations, and regulations, uses, shall be observed by the owners of the lots abutting on said streets and by their grantees and assigns, and their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns forever, to-wit:

First, said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public an easement or right-of-way over said vacated public streets hereinabove described for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewer, conduit, telephone, telegraph, electric light or other poles or things usually placed or installed in a public street in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress and egress at any time to and over said easements for the purposes above set forth;

Second, said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever (except necessary line fences) shall be built upon said easements;

Third, that if any time in the future the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated streets shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easements, such owners upon whose property the poles or other utilities are located shall pay all costs incident to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners; and further

**RESOLVED,** That all of the north-south public alley, 12 feet wide, north of Lysander Avenue, 50 feet wide, east of Brooklyn Avenue, 60 feet wide, as platted in Hodges Subdivision of Lots 43 and 49 Baker Farm as recorded in Liber 5 Page 57 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of Lots 6 to 10 both inclusive, all of the above mentioned subdivision;

Also, All of the north-south public alley, 20 feet wide, south of Forest Avenue, 70 feet wide, east of Brooklyn Avenue, 60 feet wide, as platted in Snows Subdivision of Lots 50 and 58 of Wesson's Section of the Labrosse and Baker Farms and Lots 30 and 31 of Subdivision of the Baker Farm, North of Chicago Road as recorded in Liber 9 Page 20 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying east of and



adjoining the easterly line of Lots 31 and 32, west of and adjoining the westerly line of the northerly 12.16 feet of Lot 5, west of and adjoining the westerly line of the southerly 27.84 feet of Lot 6, west of and adjoining the westerly line of the 20 foot public alley lying between Lots 5 and 6, all of the above mentioned subdivision;

Also, all of the east-west public alley, 20 feet wide, south of Forest Avenue, 70 feet wide, east of Brooklyn Avenue, 60 feet wide, as platted in Snows Subdivision as recorded in Liber 9 Page 20 of Plats, Wayne County Records, lying north of and adjoining the northerly line of Lots 1 to 5 both inclusive and south of and adjoining the southerly line of Lots 6 to 10 both inclusive, all of the above mentioned subdivision;

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

**RESOLVED**, That the Quit Claim Deed of the Board of Education deeding land to the City of Detroit for alley purposes, said land being described as: The westerly 20.00 feet of the northerly 151.06 feet of Lot 6, Plat of Snow's Subdivision of Lots 50 and 58 and Wesson's Section of the Labrosse and Baker Farms and Lots 30 and 31 of the Subdivision of the Baker Farm north of Chicago Road, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 9, Page 20 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

Be and the same is hereby accepted and the City Controller is hereby directed to record said Deed in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Brickley, Connor, Patrick, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp, Wierzbicki and President Carey—9.

Nays—None.

#### Department of Public Works

April 11, 1962.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen — The Mayor's revision of our operation and maintenance appropriation requests for the fiscal year 1962-63 provides for the same degree of service as is now provided in the 1961-62 economy budget.

Your attention is directed to the net savings before rate increase in salaries and wages of \$102,336. This saving is made possible by:

1. The mechanization of the night street cleaning activities in the downtown area which resulted in a savings of \$57,000 yearly.

2. A savings of \$12,000 in the maintenance of unpaved streets effected by the paving of 25 miles of unpaved streets under a newly recommended economy paving program.

3. A number of other changes in

the various divisions without affecting any of the services which we are rendering at the present time.

#### Economy Paving Program—

Recognizing the nuisance of unpaved streets, the City has been attempting for several years to promote petitions for the paving of all these streets in the city. At the present time, there are still 253 miles of streets unpaved (83 miles of which are front streets and 170 miles of side streets).

Because of the high cost to the corner lot property owners of assessment paving on side streets, the City passed an ordinance several years ago assuming 50 percent of the cost in addition to the intersections, which approximates a total of 70 percent. We have made considerable progress on the paving of the front streets and are of the opinion that these streets should continue to be paved as fast as petitions are received with Class "A" pavement.

Because most of these side streets are not heavily used, we have done considerable experimenting with a cheap thin asphalt pavement which might give 10 to 12 years of life. If these streets can all be paved in the next 5 or 6 years, we would eliminate one of our worst maintenance nuisances in the city—and that is summer dust—as well as reduce our expenditures considerably.

Our studies show that we can grade the present gravel streets and place a 2-inch asphalt wearing surface over to the gutter, which would allow us to carry the drainage to the catch basins, thus eliminating much of our maintenance problem and provide the property owners with a fairly good street. This economy design of pavement can be constructed for approximately \$16,000 per mile.

We recommended to the Mayor and to the Budget Bureau and they approved \$200,000 a year from resurfacing money and \$200,000 a year from the money that is normally allocated to the city's share of assessment paving of side streets be used to pave approximately 25 miles of side streets with this economy type pavement.

We believe this is a very worthwhile program and will not only be popular with the property owners, but will save the city money in the long run without adding any additional monies to the proposed budget. This will still leave us \$200,000 to pay the city's share of front assessment paving which we feel will take care of all the petitions which will be forthcoming for front street paving.

Your attention is also directed to a letter of December 20, 1961, in which the six City departments concerned with the recruitment and re-