

closes there are yet many abandoned vehicles remaining. To the survey result must be added the effect of a recent change in the state law which will require a \$35.00 fee for uninsured motorists to obtain their state license tags. This Department has every reason to believe that this will have a pronounced impact on the abandoned car problem since it would appear to affect the drivers of older cars and those most likely to be without liability insurance. Since the current licenses expire almost concurrently with the end of the winter season (February 28), this year we will have the cumulative effect of the winter months, plus the new law to contend with.

The Police Department, therefore, makes a formal request that this parcel of land (with the provision that current existing rubble be removed prior to its acquisition) be designated as an auxiliary Auto Pound for storage of abandoned vehicles. In preliminary conversation with Surplus Property Division, it was indicated that the responsibility for clearance would be vested with the current lessee.

This parcel of land is described as "Northerly 150 feet of the Southerly 168.67 feet on the East Line, being 169.33 feet on the West Line of Lot 18, lying South of Freud as opened terminal subdivision of part of private claims—26, 641, 638, 687 and 392 City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, according to plat thereof as recorded in Liber 26 of Plats, Page 80, Wayne County Records."

We therefore request that the City Controller be directed to terminate the present lease of property and give notice to the lessee that the lease will not be extended beyond December 31, 1965.

We also respectfully request your Honorable Body to authorize the City Controller to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from Account 118-1020-111, Law Enforcement Salaries, to Account 118-1090-504 Building Alteration and Repairs, in order to provide fencing for this property and clearing if it is found necessary for us to do so.

Additional personnel will not be needed to operate this expanded auto pound area.

Respectfully submitted,
RAY GIRARDIN,
Commissioner.

Approved:

G. J. SAAM,
Deputy Controller.

By Councilman Wierzbicki:

Resolved, That the City Controller be and is hereby directed to terminate the present lease of property at the Southwest corner of Lycaste and Freud, and to notify the lessee that the lease will not be extended beyond December 31, 1965, and that the current lessee be required to clear the property of rubble on or before December 31, 1965; and be it further

Resolved, That this body be notified as soon as said lease is terminated in order that the property be then assigned to the Department of Police as an auxiliary auto pound.

Resolved, That the proposed transfer is considered essential to the peace, safety, and welfare of the people of the City of Detroit; therefore be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds and honor vouchers when presented in accordance with the above communication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Brickley, Poindexter, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp, Wierzbicki and President Carey—8.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works November 16, 1965.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—Petition No. 10427, of the Marathon Oil Company, requests the conversion into an easement of the public alley north of Louisiana Avenue between Oakland Avenue and the Grand Trunk Railroad Right-of-Way. The requested conversion was approved by the City Plan Commission and then referred to this department for investigation and report. This has been completed and the petition returned herewith.

In reply to our inquiries, all City departments and privately owned utility companies reported that they have no objections to the conversion of the alley into an easement provided the proper provisions are incorporated into the vacating resolution protecting their interests in the installations located in the alleys.

The adoption of the attached resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,
GLENN C. RICHARDS,
Commissioner.

By Councilman Beck:

Resolved, That all of the north-south public alley, 18 feet wide, north of Louisiana Avenue between Oakland Avenue and the Grand Trunk Railroad Right-of-Way, as platted in St. Barbara Subdivision of Part of the South ½ of Section 12, T. 1 S. R. 11 E., City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 28, Page 84 of Plats Wayne County Records lying east of and adjoining the easterly line of Lots 210 to 222, both inclusive, and lying west of and adjoining the westerly line of Lot 206, all of the above mentioned subdivision.

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley and is hereby converted into a public easement of the full width of the alley, which easement shall be subject to the following covenants and agreements, uses, reservations and regulations, which shall be observed by the owners of the

lots abutting on said alley and by 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 alley 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 alley in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress and egress at any time over and to said easement for the purpose above set forth;

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

Third, that if at any time in the future the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated alley shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easement, 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.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Brickley, Poindexter, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp, Wierzbicki and President Carey—8.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

November 18, 1965.

Honorable Common Council:

Re: Contract: PW-4755-F.

For: Alley Paving—Block bounded by Hayes, Manistique, Harper, Evanston.

Adjusted Contract Price: \$8,189.50.

Contractor: Hartwell Construction Co., Inc.

Gentlemen—This is to certify that all work required of the Contractor in the performance of this Contract has been fully completed and found acceptable under the terms and conditions thereof, and that the total value of such completed work, including all Contract Changes duly issued, is that stated above as the Adjusted Contract Price.

The Contractor has submitted an affidavit that all payrolls, material bills, and all other indebtedness incurred by him in connection with the work have been paid, except items specifically listed as unpaid. The Surety has given written consent to final payment notwithstanding such unpaid items.

It is, therefore, recommended that the total value of the work, as above stated, be paid to the Contractor with the understanding that such payment is made by the City and accepted by the Contractor under the Contract

provisions covering final payment.

R. C. MONAHAN,

Engineer of Inspection.

CLYDE L. PALMER,

City Engineer.

GLENN C. RICHARDS,

Commissioner.

By Councilman Beck:

Whereas, From the foregoing communication, it appears that all work required to be performed by the Contractor under the Contract therein named has been fully completed; and

Whereas, The completed work has been found acceptable under the terms and conditions of said Contract by the Department for whom the work was performed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the said Contract be and is hereby accepted.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Brickley, Poindexter, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp, Wierzbicki and President Carey—8.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

November 15, 1965.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—On October 12, 1965, your Honorable Body requested that the Commissioner of Public Works submit a resolution regarding the acquisition of right-of-way in connection with expressway construction for presentation to the Tri-Party Administrative Committee for Detroit Expressways and to the State Highway Department.

Your Body has found that certain right-of-way acquisition practices have tended to ignore many rights of property owners whose property is required for highway construction. Among these findings have been the following:

1) That certain residential parcels have been isolated from the surrounding neighborhood, leaving houses in a very undesirable situation without suitable neighborhood surroundings.

2) That, in many instances, only a portion of residential properties have been taken, leaving a parcel without adequate front, side or rear yard. When partial acquisitions are made, many situations are created whereby the remaining property is frequently in violation of the City's Building Code and Zoning Ordinances as well as the State Housing Code.

3) In still other instances, residents along expressways are inconvenienced and denied access because contractors are not required to place or replace street paving in as short a time as possible.

Your body has also pointed out that in each instance when a property owner is contacted prior to the acquisition of his property, he should be advised of his rights in connection with the sale of the property. The contacting agent should advise the owner that if the purchase offer is