

Surveys show that Centrex installations such as the State of Michigan (Lansing and Detroit) average about 90 per cent direct calling. The Bell traffic surveys clearly indicate that 70 to 80 per cent of the citizens calling the Detroit Police administrative number now know what division or person they want to contact. With a publicity program and adequate directory listings we believe a Centrex system for the Detroit Police Department would raise the direct call incidence to a desired 90 percent level.

Bell representatives indicate the immediate availability of 320 Centrex Stations. Bell will reserve an additional 180 stations for future growth at no additional charge. This block of 500 stations and switchgear is located on Bell premises. No additional equipment space in the Communications Center is necessary.

The present 8 position manual administrative switchboard requires approximately a 40 man staff. Four (4) Centrex consoles, staffed by 15 civilian personnel, would provide a modern Bell system and allow reassignment of present police operators to street duty.

We therefore request authorization to negotiate a contract with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company to install a Centrex system with four (4) Centrex consoles for the Police Department. This system will cost approximately \$50,000.00 more annually. However, the increase in annual equipment costs is offset by the release of police personnel for street duty.

We further request that your Honorable Body transfer \$10,000.00 from available funds in Police Department accounts to the Department Report and Information Committee in order to conduct the publicity campaign necessary to acquaint the public in the use of the Centrex system.

Respectfully submitted,
RAY GIRARDIN,
 Commissioner.

Approved:
B. W. KLEIN,
 Controller.

By Councilman Miriani:

Resolved, That the Detroit Police Department be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Michigan Bell Telephone Company for the installation of a Centrex Telephone System as outlined in the foregoing communication; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Controller be and he is hereby authorized and directed to transfer \$10,000 from Account No. 118-1070-111 Salaries, to Account No. 186-4870-363, Centrex Publicity Expenses and honor vouchers when presented in accordance with the foregoing communication.

Adopted as follows:
 Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Hood, Miriani, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp

and President Carey—7.
 Nays—None.

Policemen and Firemen Retirement System

March 31, 1967.

Honorable Common Council:

Gentlemen—A communication has been received from the Board of Fire Commissioners certifying that Roderick J. Paige was elected on March 28, 1967 to fill the vacancy to the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen Retirement System for the unexpired portion of the term to which Mr. Perry D. Ferguson was elected.

The term expires June 30, 1969.

Respectfully submitted,
FRED W. LYONS,
 Executive Secretary.

Received and placed on file.

Department of Public Works

March 28, 1967.

Honorable Common Council:

Re: Petition No. 2974, Wayne State University, Vacation of Easements.

Gentlemen — The above petition requests the vacation of the easements retained in vacated Louisa Street west of Fourth Avenue and also the vacated alleys north of Warren Avenue between Fourth Avenue and the John C. Lodge East Service Drive.

The requested vacation was approved by the City Plan Commission.

The petition was then referred to us for investigation and report. Our report, accompanied by the original petition, is as follows.

All City departments and privately-owned utility companies reported that they have no objection to the proposed vacation or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the petitioner regarding their installations therein.

The adoption of the attached resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT E. TOOHEY,
 Commissioner.

By Councilman Hood:

Resolved, That the easements retained in Louisa Street, 25 feet wide, west of Fourth Avenue, and in the vacated north-south and east-west alleys north of Warren Avenue between Fourth Avenue and the John C. Lodge East Service Drive, by your Honorable Body on April 12, 1960, J.C.C. Page 610, and recorded in the Wayne County Register of Deeds office Register No. E 514221 in Liber 14209 Page 623 Deeds.

Be and the same are hereby vacated.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Beck, Hood, Miriani, Ravitz, Rogell, Van Antwerp and President Carey—7.

Nays—None.

Department of Public Works

March 24, 1967.

Honorable Common Council:

Re: Petition No. 1314 (Walter Shears), Requesting Paving.