

tempted to frame in broad strokes the mandate and boundaries for city government. Each charter has contained a section that provides for amendments in order to provide further clarification. Our current charter, as a result, not only contains a preamble framing the rights of our citizens, but a definition of responsibility based on traditional precepts of our nation. These include government of the people, by the people, for the people — a division of responsibility based on the concept of accountability to the people and checks and balances within government. In some instances, the framers of the Charter were unanimous as to their intent; however, subsequent interpretations revealed that the language was not specific enough to clearly reflect those intentions!

Therefore, I support Charter Amendments that will specify budget powers, budgetary checks and balances and fully implement the right of citizens to elect their leaders.

MARYANN MAHAFFEY

**Environmental Protection & Maintenance Department
City Engineering Division**

May 26, 1976

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 6128, Wholesale Distribution Center No. 1, Street and Alley Vacations

We wish to advise that in order for Vitale Associates to develop the parcel of land described as Parcel 4D of the above project it will be necessary to vacate Wilkins Avenue between Russell and Rivard and the public alleys north and south of said Wilkins Avenue.

Provision for relocation of utilities which must be ordered out of the area will be processed with the right of way adjustments for the remainder of the Wholesale Distribution Center Project No. 1.

In view of the foregoing, it is requested that the following resolution be adopted vacating the necessary street and alleys and directing various utilities to remove their installations therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WATTS

Director

By Council Member Hood:

WHEREAS, In order to carry out a portion of the development plan for the area known as the Wholesale Distribution Center No. 1, Michigan R-86, it is necessary to vacate the following street and abutting alleys:

All that part of Wilkins Avenue, 50 feet wide, lying between and abutting the easterly line of Rivard Street, 50 feet wide, and the westerly line of Russell Street, 86 feet wide; also

All that part of the easterly 160.0 feet of the 20 foot wide east-west public alley in the block bounded by Rivard, Russell, Brewster, and Wilkins; also

All that part of the two (2) north-south public alleys, 25 feet wide, in the block bounded by Rivard, Russell, Wilkins, and Watson Place, lying northerly of and abutting the northerly line of Wilkins Street, 50 feet wide, and lying southerly of and abutting a line described as: Beginning at a point in the westerly line of Russell, 86 feet wide, said point being N. 26 deg. 06 min. 10 sec. W., 241.77 feet from the northeast corner of lot 72 of S. B. Morse's Subdivision of Gratiot Street, as recorded in Liber 55, Page 316, Deeds, Wayne County records; thence N. 72 deg. 38 min. 06 sec. W., 6.88 feet; thence S. 60 deg. 49 min. 57 sec. W., 355.94 feet; to the point of ending;

Also all that part of the easterly 2.0 feet of Rivard Street, 50 feet wide, between Brewster and Watson Streets lying easterly of a line described as: Beginning at a point, said point being N. 26 deg. 06 min. 10 sec. W., 241.77 feet, and N. 72 deg. 38 min. 06 sec. W., 6.88 feet, and S. 60 deg. 49 min. 57 sec. W., 355.94 feet from the northeast corner of lot 72 of S. B. Morse's Subdivision of part of Lot 3, Mullett Farm as recorded in Liber 55, Page 316, Deeds, Wayne County records; thence S. 17 deg. 21 min. 26 sec. W., 7.26 feet, thence S. 26 deg. 07 min. 06 sec. E., 265.00 feet to the point of ending;

The above described streets and alleys appear in the following subdivisions:

"S. B. Morse's Subdivision" of part of Lot 3, Mullet Farm, north of Gratiot Street, as recorded in Liber 55, Page 316, Deeds, Wayne County records; and

"Wesson's Section of the Mullett Farm being all that portion of said Farm lying between Prospect (Rivard) and Russell Streets, and bounded on the northwest by the northerly line of lot 2 in the Rear Concession of said Mullett Farm, and on the southeast by the center of Morse (Wilkins) Street", as recorded in Liber 1, Page 96, Plats, Wayne County records; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the above described streets and alleys are hereby vacated as public streets and alleys to become a part and parcel of the abutting property

RESOLVED, That all city utilities are hereby directed to remove all their pipes, poles and wire in this right of way as expeditiously as possible and to consider the work as a portion of those right of way adjustments necessitated by the Wholesale Distribution Center No. 1 Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon the proper application, the Environmental Protection and Maintenance Department shall issue to the Detroit Edison Company, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company permits to relocate their pipes, poles and lines

from the vacated streets and alleys and consistent with the public health, safety, convenience and general welfare; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Detroit Edison Company, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company are hereby directed to remove all their pipes, poles and wires from the vacated streets and alleys without expense to the City within thirty (30) days after receipt of a copy of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to mail to the Detroit Edison Company, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, a certified copy of this resolution.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Browne, Cleveland, Eberhard, Henderson, Hood, Kelley, Rogell, and President Levin — 8.

Nays — None.

*RECONSIDERATION (No. 5), per motions before adjournment.

Manpower Department

June 1, 1976

Honorable City Council:

Re: Authority to accept additional funds from National Council of Senior Citizens to increase the amount of the Manpower Department Senior Aides budget by \$3,500.00.

On January 21, 1976 (JCC pages 110-111), your Honorable Body authorized the Senior Aides Program through June 30, 1976. The City of Detroit has now received from National Council of Senior Citizens modification No. 2 to increase the wages and fringe benefits budget by \$3,500.00, thereby increasing the total grant to \$197,796.00. Enrollees for the program will work at an hourly rate not to exceed \$2.60 per hour, effective June 1, 1976.

Authority to accept the Senior Aides contract as indicated above is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. BIGHAM

Acting Director

Approved:

W. I. STECHER

Budget Director

G. F. FISCHER

Deputy Finance Director

By Council Member Kelley:

RESOLVED, That the Manpower Department be and is hereby authorized to accept Modification No. 2 for \$3,500.00 from the National Council of Senior Citizens for the Senior Aides Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Finance Director be authorized to honor payrolls and vouchers when presented in accordance with the foregoing communication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Browne, Cleveland, Eberhard, Henderson, Hood, Kelley, Rogell, and President Levin — 8.

Nays — None.

*RECONSIDERATION (No. 6), per motions before adjournment.

Planning Department

June 1, 1976

Honorable City Council:

Re: Request for authorization to file application with U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Innovative Projects Program Grant

Your Honorable Body is respectfully requested to authorize the filing of an application for funding of two proposals to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under its Innovative Projects Program for Fiscal Year 1976, Housing and Neighborhood Preservation under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Total funds available nationally are \$4,000,000 with applications for projects submitted competing nationally for portions of this amount.

The two proposals we expect to submit are described as follows:

1. Historic Preservation Seed Money Fund, \$115,000.

This project will involve setting up a revolving loan fund to be used to provide seed money for the renovation of historic structures for commercial, professional, or non-profit uses. The funds would be extended to option the property and to conduct historic, feasibility, and architectural studies, all of which would enable the developer to obtain financing.

2. West Canfield Avenue Streetscape Restoration, \$287,500

This project consists of improving the appearance in the West Canfield Historic District. Old cast-iron and wood electric streetlamp posts will be converted to gas lamps, salvaged granite and brick paving blocks will be used in making planting circles, curbs, and for street paving. The street will be narrowed down to the original width, and the double row of trees which arched over the sidewalk will be replaced.

We request that your Honorable Body authorize the filing of this application for the two above-described proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. DeVITO

Planning Director

Approved:

W. I. STECHER

Budget Director

G. F. FISCHER

Deputy Finance Director

By Council Member Kelley:

WHEREAS, funds are available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under its Innovative Projects Program to fund