

We also partially restored some EMS Services which had been cut.

We have added what is effectively \$500,000 for Detroit General Hospital, principally for additional nursing positions, in order to help Detroit General Hospital regain its accreditation. We also added \$75,000 to Detroit General Hospital to retain enough city physicians so that the critically needed medical response to psychiatric situations could be retained.

We added \$500,000 for the Library, so it could approach maintaining its actual dollar budget of last year. When the Legislature is being asked to appropriate many millions for the Library, we felt duty bound to add enough additional city funds so that last year's budget would be essentially maintained if the Legislature acts.

Today, prior to acting on the budget, we voted to reject a proposed reorganization of City Government which would have eliminated the Consumer Affairs Department and the Senior Citizens Agency.

These agencies should not be eliminated, because their services are so vital to the entire community.

In our budget action, we have voted to restore \$100,000 to the Senior Citizens Agency and \$110,000 to the Consumer Affairs Agency.

\$200,000 has been allocated for Summer Recreation Programs, more vital this year than ever to the well-being of this city and its citizens.

Relative to the expenditure of Capital Funds (funds which cannot be used for the operations of Police, Fire, etc.), we took the following actions:

—We eliminated 2½ of the 3 million dollars allocated for a proposed new stadium. The funds remaining will allow the planning, feasibility studies, soil mechanics and foundation studies to proceed, but no land acquisition to occur without Council approval following consideration of the results of the studies and all other factors.

—We took the \$2½ million eliminated from the Stadium Appropriation, and also took \$3½ million of the 7½ million in capital funds allocated to the Public Lighting Department and placed the funds in a capital appropriation for Civic Center improvement.

If we are convinced during the year that those funds are needed for the Public Lighting Department or the Stadium, we can always approve an amendment to the budget during the year to appropriate the funds for the originally proposed purposes or other purposes (providing, of course, that the Mayor initiates such amendments).

We will also be watching for assurances that the Downtown People Mover, so vital to the future of the downtown areas, is funded.

Finally, we are determined to spend \$1.3 million of Year 2 Block Grant Funds for Public Services in our development areas. The Planning Department urged us not to do this with Year 1 Block Grant Funds but our Research Director and Planning Commission Director concur that we can do so with Year 2 Funds and that we will have sufficient time to work out the details with HUD. We take this action in the belief that it makes no sense to look for new ways to spend development dollars in our so-called development areas (which constitute one-half of the city) while basic services so vital to support development are drastically cut.

Because our job this year was primarily one of seeking ways to restore what service cuts we could, very few new programs were added by the Council. As a result, a recent court decision restricting Council powers created relatively few problems. However, the few problems that opinion does create in this year's budget have been overcome by allocating funds for specific purposes to existing agency appropriations or to the General City Contingency Fund. Thus, the City Council has been able to exercise essentially the same powers it has exercised in past years.

We now turn our eyes to Lansing and to Washington in our constant search for equity for this City.

We will continue to support the Mayor in his efforts at the State and National levels.

All of us on the Council owe a great debt to City Clerk Jim Bradley, Research Director Jay Brant, Auditor General Marie Farrell Donaldson, Planning Commission Director Bob Hoffman, and Budget Director Walter Stecher, and all their staffs, and to everyone else who made it possible for us to work through this Budget.

CARL LEVIN,  
President

**Environmental Protection and Maintenance Department**

May 6, 1976

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 7461 — Community and Economic Development Department, Street and Alley Vacations at Forest Park South Project.

We wish to advise that to carry out the development plan for the area known as the Forest Park South Project it will be necessary to vacate the streets and alleys in the area bounded by the Chrysler Freeway, Rivard, Mack, and Leland.

The disposition agreements for this project provide for the developer to physically remove all pavements and pay all costs associated with the street and alley vacations.

The requested vacations were approved by the Community and Economic Development Department.



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

The developer has reached agreement with the Detroit Edison Company, the Michigan Bell Telephone Company, and the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company for the relocation of their facilities from the streets and alleys to be vacated and has agreed to certain easements being retained in the vacating resolution and to dedicate the necessary easements to the utilities over private property to service the new buildings.

The Public Lighting Department reported that they have reached a satisfactory agreement with the developer for that Department to relocate lighting facilities from the area to be vacated. The estimated cost is \$2,500.00.

The developer has also agreed by letter furnished to the following City Departments to perform the construction necessary to their facilities:

**Detroit Water and Sewerage Department:**

Proper provisions are incorporated into the vacating resolution reserving easements for the remaining water lines necessary to serve the project.

The Sewer Design Section replies that the necessary arrangements have been made by the contractor and the architect to construct the necessary sewers and dedicate new easements for the sewers. This is covered under Petition No. 3304 which will be reported on by the Water and Sewerage Department.

**Environmental Protection and Maintenance Department:**

The Street Design Bureau has reported that the developer has agreed to install the necessary drainage or alter the crown of the street paving to prevent ponding at the intersections of the streets to be vacated. This Department has no objection to the work being performed by private contract provided the work is done under City permit and inspection, according to Environmental Protection and Maintenance Department Paving Specifications, with the entire cost of the construction to be borne by the developer.

The Street Maintenance Division has submitted an estimate of \$22,000.00 to remove the paved street and alley returns, construct new curb and walk and backfill where necessary, at the intersections of the streets and alleys to be vacated. The developer has requested that this work be done by his contractor. This Department has no objection to the work being done by private contract provided the work is done under City permit and inspection, according to Environmental Protection and Maintenance Department specifications with the cost borne by the developer.

The original cost of paving the streets at the intersection with the

streets and alleys to be vacated is \$1,770.00 and is reimbursable to the City. However, the developer has requested because this is a housing project that these costs be waived. The Environmental Protection and Maintenance Department and the Community and Economic Development Department have no objection to these costs being waived. Proper provisions are contained in the attached resolution waiving the costs.

**Fire Department:**

This Department has reported that the developer has agreed to the necessary relocation of fire hydrants in the project area. The work will be performed by private contract under City permit and inspection, according to City specifications and the entire cost is to be borne by the developer.

All other involved City Departments reported that they have no objection to the proposed vacations or that they have reached satisfactory agreements with the developer regarding their installations therein.

The adoption of the attached resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES W. WATTS  
Director

Approved:

RONALD HEWITT

Director

Community & Economic  
Development Dept.

**City Council's City  
Planning Commission**

May 11, 1976

Honorable City Council:

Re: Community and Economic Development Department (No. 7461)—Street and Alley Vacation in the Leland - Orleans Rehabilitation Project (PROPOSED VACATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE APPROVED DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LELAND ORLEANS PROJECT)

As requested by your Honorable Body, the City Council's City Planning Commission has reviewed the attached resolution for street and alley vacations within the Leland Orleans Rehabilitation Project and have determined that it is consistent with the adopted Development Plan for that project.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT G. HOFFMAN,  
Director

City Planning Commission

By Council Member Browne:

RESOLVED, That all that part of Illinois Street, 50 feet wide, lying between and abutting the easterly line of the Chrysler Freeway and the westerly line of Rivard Street, 50 feet wide; also

All that part of Livingston Avenue, 50 feet wide, lying between and abutting the easterly line of the Chrysler Freeway and the westerly line of Rivard Street, 50 feet wide; also