

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

March 12, 1979

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 5398. Mr. Eugene Collins, Conversion to Easement of the remaining portion of Labrosse Street between Sixth Street and the Lodge Freeway.

The above petition requests the conversion of the above described portion of Sixth Street, 60 feet wide, into an easement for public utilities. The requested conversion into easement for public utilities was approved by the Community, Economic and Development Department. The petition was then referred to us for investigation and report. Our report, accompanied by the original petition is as follows:

The petitioner has made the following deposit with the City Treasurer, which has been credited to the department and account named, for the purpose indicated:

EPMD—Intersection Fund Receipt No. A25915 \$220.00 for the original cost of paving Sixth Street at the intersection of Labrosse Street to be vacated. The petitioner has requested that the paved return at the entrance to Labrosse from Sixth Street remain in its present status as the petitioner plans to utilize same, and has agreed by letter filed with the original petition to pay all costs incidental to the removal of same whenever the discontinuance of use makes such removal necessary.

The petitioner has also agreed to have the Fire Department turn the hydrant at the corner of Sixth and Labrosse so the outlets will be usable after the street is closed. The work will be done by City forces with the cost borne by the petitioner.

All other involved City departments and privately-owned utility companies reported that they have no objections to the conversions of public right-of-way into easement provided that proper provisions are incorporated into the vacating resolution protecting their installations located therein.

The adoption of the attached resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS W. KLEI
City Engineer

Approved:
JAMES W. WATTS
Director

By Council Member Hood:

Resolved, that all that part of Labrosse Street, 60 feet wide, lying between and abutting the easterly line of Sixth Street, 50 feet wide, and the westerly line of the John Lodge Free-

way Right-of-Way as platted in Block 53, of the Plat of the Labrosse Farm, south of the Chicago Road, as recorded in Liber 13, Page 85, Deeds, Wayne County records,

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public street and is hereby converted into a public easement of the full width of the street, 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 street 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 street hereinabove described for the purposes of maintaining, installing, repairing, removing, or replacing, public utilities such as water mains, sewers, gas lines or mains, telephone, electric light conduits or 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 easement for the purpose above set forth,

SECOND, said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever including but not limited to concrete slabs or driveways, retaining or partition walls (except necessary line fence) shall be built or placed upon said easement, nor any change of surface grade made, without prior approval by the Department of Public Works,

THIRD, that if at any time in the future the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated street 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 incidental to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners,

PROVIDED FURTHER, that if any utility located or to be located in said property shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of the petitioner or assigns (by way of illustration but not limitation), such as storage of excessive weights or construction not in accordance with Section 2, mentioned above, then in such event the petitioner or assigns shall be liable for all costs incidental to the repair of such broken or damaged utility; and be it further

Resolved, that if in the future it becomes necessary to remove the paved street return, the work will be done

under City permit and inspection and according to Environmental Protection and Maintenance Department specifications with all costs borne by the petitioner.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cockrel, Eberhard, Hood, Kelley, McFadden, Rogell, and President Pro Tem Mahaffey — 7.
Nays — None.

**Historic Designation
Advisory Board**

March 16, 1979

Honorable City Council:

At its meeting of March 13, 1979, the Historic Designation Advisory Board decided that it would be desirable to apply to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for a Coastal Management Program grant and voted to seek Council's approval and support for a grant application.

The purpose of the grant application is to conduct a study of the riverfront area between Renaissance Center and Belle Isle; to carefully select an unused or under developed historic industrial building in that area; and to develop a complete physical and economic feasibility study for that structure.

The Advisory Board believes that this area of the city is in a period of considerable transition; that there are a number of structures of historic interest in the area which might lend themselves to adaptive re-use; and that it is better to attempt through such a study to encourage the preservation of such buildings by the private sector than to wait until some crisis threatens a building. Such a study will also add to the Advisory Board's understanding and knowledge about the area and its buildings and should contribute to the ordinance's mandated list of potential districts which the Board is obligated to compile.

The Advisory Board also believes that such a project is directly contributory to the goal of providing better access to the river for the public, since the study would encourage the conversion of a structure from industrial or commercial use to a commercial or retail-residential use which would open the building and its site to public access.

A copy of the proposed grant application in the amount of \$32,000 is attached; the required twenty percent match would be provided through in-kind services supplied by Advisory Board staff and would require no cash outlay by the Advisory Board.

A resolution of support is attached for Council's consideration; Council action on the resolution would be greatly appreciated so that the grant application may be submitted to Lansing by the deadline date of April 2nd.

As always, if any Council member has questions, I will be happy to discuss the matter.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM M. WORDEN
Advisory Board Staff

By Council Member Kelley:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Detroit hereby endorses and supports the application of the Historic Designation Advisory Board for a Coastal Management grant in the amount of \$32,000 to fund a Detroit Riverfront Adaptive Use Study.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cockrel, Eberhard, Hood, Kelley, McFadden, Rogell, and President Pro Tem Mahaffey — 7.
Nays — None.

Manpower Department

January 22, 1979

Honorable City Council:

Re: Authority to increase City Cash available for Local Match for the Manpower Department Senior Aides Program by \$21,402.00.

On December 6, 1978 your Honorable Body accepted additional funds for the Senior Aides Program. The increase in funding increased the required City Contribution to \$50,122.00. Approval was granted for \$28,720.00 City Cash and \$21,402.00 of In-kind contribution. The In-kind contribution that was to be used as match was generated with other Federal funds (CETA fund) and can not be used as local match for the Senior Aides grant. Request is therefore made to increase the City Cash available for Local Match for the Senior Aides Program to \$21,402.00 to \$50,122.00.

Pertinent to the above, we respectfully request that your Honorable Body adopt the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted,
OLLIE McKINNEY, JR.
Director

Approved:

W. I. STECHER
Budget Director

G. F. FISCHER
Deputy Finance Director

By Council Member Hood:

Resolved, That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the sum of: \$21,402 from Appropriation No. 94-