

decent, safe and sanitary low-income housing in the City of Detroit, and

WHEREAS, The City Council has resolved to "undertake, to promote and to assist coordinated efforts in our community to secure resources, including housing, necessary to insure that no one need go homeless in this City," and

WHEREAS, A first step in eliminating homelessness is preserving existing housing, including the Public Housing Projects, which are subsidized by the Federal government, and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Housing Department has plans to demolish 1037 units at the Brewster Douglass Housing Project, and the City stands to lose Federal housing subsidies, and

WHEREAS, An assessment of the availability of low-income housing in the City of Detroit and an assessment of the future low-income housing stock for the City of Detroit is needed, and

WHEREAS, An independent housing consultant could perform a needs assessment and marketability study for the units at the Brewster Douglass Project, taking into consideration rental rates and estimated need for decent, safe and sanitary low-income housing in the City of Detroit, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the City Council commission an independent housing consultant to provide physical and cost assessments of the Brewster Douglass housing stock, compare complete rehabilitation costs to the cost of the new construction-rehabilitation plan which is contemplated by the Detroit Housing Department, and develop an affirmative marketing strategy for reducing the vacancy rate.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Collins, Eberhard, Hood, Mahaffey, Ravitz, and Pender Henderson — 6.

Nays — None.

**City Engineering Department**

June 26, 1987

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 836, Standard Meat and Deli, Inc. Requested street and alleys to easement in the area bounded by Ellery, Mt. Elliott, Garfield and Forest.

Petition No. 836 of Standard Meat and Deli, Inc. requests the conversion of Heck Place, 40 feet wide, and two east-west public alleys, (both) 18 feet wide, east of Heck Place; all in the area bounded by Ellery Street, Mt. Elliott, Garfield and Forest Avenues into an easement for public utilities.

The requested conversion into a public utility easement was approved by

the Community and Economic Development Department. The petition was referred to the City Engineering Department for investigation and report. This is our report:

The petitioner plans to use the paved street and alley return entrances and requests such remain in their present status. The petitioner shall pay all incidental removal costs whenever discontinuance of use makes removal necessary.

City departments and privately-owned utility companies have reported no objection to the conversion of public right-of-way into a utility easement. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the resolution.

The adoption of the attached resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,  
 CLYDE R. HOPKINS  
 Director

By Council Member Hood:

Resolved, That Heck Place, 40 feet wide, lying between and abutting the northerly line of Garfield Avenue, 60 feet wide, and the southerly line of Forest Avenue, 70 feet wide, having been platted in the "Lambert's Subdivision of a portion of Outlets 21 and 22, Leib Farm," City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 19, Page 65, Plats, Wayne County Records; also platted as the west 21.00 feet of Lot 30 and the east 19.00 feet of Lot 31 of "Potter's Subdivision of the North 1/2 of Outlot 22 and the Southerly 76.12 feet of Outlot 23, Leib Farm," City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 12, Page 4, Plats, Wayne County Records; also

All of the east-west public alley, 18 feet wide, east of Heck Place and first north of Garfield Avenue, lying southerly of and abutting the south line of Lot 18, also lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lots 14 to 17 of the "Lambert's Subdivision of a portion of Outlots 21 and 22, Leib Farm," City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 19, Page 65, Plats, Wayne County Records; also

All of the east-west public alley, 18 feet wide, east of Heck Place and first south of Forest Avenue, lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lot 21 of the "Lambert's Subdivision of a portion of Outlots 21 and 22, Leib Farm," City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 19, Page 65, Plats, Wayne County Records;

Be and the same are hereby vacated as a public street and alleys and are hereby converted into a public easement of the full width of the street and alleys, 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 alleys 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 and alleys herein above 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 or alley 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 utility easement or right-of-way in and over said vacated street and alleys herein above described shall be forever accessible to the maintenance and inspection forces of the utility companies, or those specifically authorized by them, for the purpose of inspecting, installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewer conduit, water main, gas line or main, telephone or light pole or any utility facility placed or installed in the utility easement or right-of-way. The utility companies shall have the right to cross or use the driveways and yards of the adjoining properties for ingress and egress at any time to and over said utility easement with any necessary equipment to perform the above-mentioned tasks, with the understanding that the utility companies shall use due care in such crossing or use, and that any property damaged by the utility companies, other than that specifically prohibited by this resolution, shall be restored to a satisfactory condition.

Third, 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 of the City Engineering Department.

Fourth, that if the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated street and alleys shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles or other utilities in said easement, such owners, shall pay all costs incidental to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners.

Fifth, that if any utility 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 of materials or construction not in accordance with Section 3, 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

Provided, That if it becomes necessary to remove the paved street and alley returns at the entrances, such removal and construction of new curb and sidewalk shall be done under City permit and inspection according to City Engineering Department specifications with all costs borne by the petitioner, their heirs or assigns; and

Provided Further, That a certified copy of this resolution shall be recorded with the Wayne Register of Deeds. The petitioner shall pay all incidental recording costs.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Collins, Eberhard, Hood, Mahaffey, Ravitz, and President Henderson — 6.

Nays — None.

#### City Engineering Department

July 6, 1987

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition of Community and Economic Development Department, Selden Court Rehabilitation Project. Alleys to Vacation in the block bounded by Rosa Parks, Harrison, Brainard and Magnolia.

To develop a parcel in Selden Court Rehabilitation Project it is necessary to outright vacate all of the public alleys (14, 15, 20 and 30 feet wide) in the block bounded by Rosa Parks Boulevard, Harrison Avenue, Brainard and Magnolia Streets.

The vacations were approved by the Department of Transportation.

Satisfactory arrangements have been made with all City departments and privately-owned utility companies.

An appropriate resolution is attached for consideration by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,  
CLYDE R. HOPKINS  
Director

By Council Member Mahaffey:

Resolved, All of the north-south public alley, 15 feet wide, in the block bounded by Rosa Parks Boulevard, Harrison Avenue, Brainard and Magnolia Streets lying easterly of and abutting the east line of Lots 152 to 158, also lying westerly of and abutting the west line of Lot 151, the east-west public alley (20 and 30 feet wide), and Lot 159 all in the "Albert Crane's Section of the Thompson Farm, being part of Private Claim No. 227, late Springwells," City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 1, Page 11, Plats, Wayne County Records; also