

demonstrated in its policy of disposing of the City of Detroit's surplus property.

The Planning and Development Department has indicated to this City Council repeatedly that the department must solicit Requests for Proposals on properties in order to be "fair" to all parties who may be interested in a given property. However, the department indicated to the City Council that other parties did, indeed, express interest in 301 Frederick, but a Request for Proposals was not solicited.

I am further displeased with the Planning and Development Department's lack of consistency in its policy of selling City-owned property for the "fair market value" as determined by the City's assessors. The department has offered to sell 301 Frederick Douglass for \$800,000 — only 40% of the fair market value of \$2,000,000 as determined by the City's assessor. Conversely, if a tax-paying citizen or citizen group were to offer 40% of the fair market value to buy an abandoned property in their neighborhood that they have been maintaining for years, they would be deemed unreasonable. Where is the same "fairness" and flexibility to the average citizen? Where is the reexamination of the assessor's valuation for the average citizen just as the City reconsidered the assessor's valuation for the Center for Creative Studies?

I realize that the bulk of the problem lies in the fact that there are no written procedures outlining a systematic policy for disposing of the City's surplus property and so I urge the administration to make this a priority.

Planning & Development Department

December 10, 1997

Honorable City Council:

Re: Delray United Action Council Contract

The Planning and Development Department requests approval of contract #77575. Delray United Action Council has been contracted to provide services to low to moderate income senior citizens and youth residing in the project area. Services include counseling, referral and other assistance, family emergency assistance, youth employment, general crime prevention, education, food and goods distribution, public information, rehabilitation of subrecipient office space, single family rehabilitation, and capacity. The project area is bounded by the Detroit and Rouge Rivers, Fort Street and West Grand Blvd. Term of the contract is July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1998. The contract amount is \$300,957.00 (w/a \$45,914.00 advance payment).

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BURKE

Executive Manager

By Council Member Hill:

Resolved, that Contract No. 77575, referred to in the foregoing communication dated December 10, 1997 be hereby and is approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, Cockrel, Everett, Hill, Hood, Ravitz, Scott, Tinsley-Williams and President Mahaffey — 9.

Nays — None.

Planning & Development Department

December 8, 1997

Honorable City Council:

Re: Alley Petition #4091, Request to close the alley between Indiana and Wisconsin, Wisconsin and Ohio and Margareta and Pickford

The Wisconsin Block Club has requested the vacation of the alleys as referenced above. City departments and privately-owned utility companies have reported no objections to the conversion of the subject alleys into private easements for utilities.

According to City Code Section 50-6-1 the petition must have at least two-thirds of the abutting property owners' signatures. The recent petition requesting the alley closing has been signed by more than 85% of the abutting property owners along the Indiana-Wisconsin and Wisconsin-Ohio alleys.

The investigation by Planning and Development Department found one property owner having both front and rear alley access to the property. The Planning and Development Department has typically recommended closure under such circumstances.

The Planning and Development Department recommends that the alley be closed as follows:

1. The Indiana-Wisconsin alley be closed at both ends at Margareta and Pickford with a fence.
2. The abutting property owners will provide fencing for both ends of the alley.
3. The one property owner, who has previously indicated a need to have the Indiana-Wisconsin alley remain open, currently has access to her garage through the front driveway entrance.
4. A locked gate versus a fence is a possible option. The Planning and Development Department would support such an option, however, policing such access may be difficult. We feel that any such operational arrangement should be agreed to by the abutting property owners. Since there is access to the individual property owner via a front driveway, it seems reasonable to support alley closure as is the wish of at least 85% of the abutting property owners.

After careful consideration of all the factors involved. It is the recommendation of

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the Planning and Development Department that these alleys be closed.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH J. VASSALLO
Interim Director

By Council Member Hill:

Whereas, Be and the same are hereby vacated the public alleys of Indiana-Wisconsin and Wisconsin-Ohio between Margareta and Pickford and are hereby converted into private easements for public utilities of the full width of the alleys, which easements shall be subject to the following covenants and agreements, uses, reservations and regulations, which shall be observed by the owners of abutting lots of said alleys and be their heir, executors, administrators and assign forever to wit.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that it is the intent of the City Council to effect the alley vacations as follows:

1. that the Indiana-Wisconsin alley be closed at the Margareta alley opening with a locked gate and the Pickford alley opening be closed with a fence,

2. that all abutting residents and property owners along the Indiana-Wisconsin alley receive a key to the locked gate, and

3. that the Wisconsin-Ohio alley be closed with fencing at the Margareta and Pickford alley openings,

provided that written approval by all interested City departments is obtained and provided that all necessary costs are met by the petitioners and provided that proper bonding and liability assurance to the City for the encroachment is provided the petitioners.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, Cockrel, Everett, Hill, Hood, Ravitz, Scott, Tinsley-Williams and President Mahaffey — 9.

Nays — None.

36th District Court

December 3, 1997

Honorable City Council:

Re: Authority to accept and appropriate Program Year 1997 (FY '98) Closed Circuit TV Arraignment Grant Funds from the Hudson-Webber Foundation.

The 36th District Court requests your Honorable Body's authorization to accept Closed Circuit TV Arraignment Grant Funds in the amount of \$125,000. The grant is awarded by the Hudson-Webber Foundation. The Closed Circuit TV Arraignment Program will enable the court to expedite the felony arraignment caseload and to incorporate various misdemeanor arraignments into the program. The program will be operated by the 36th District Court. We, therefore, request your authorization to set up Appropriation Number 6402 for \$125,000 for fiscal year 1997-98.

We respectfully request your Honorable Body adopt the following resolution with a Waiver of Reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH N. BALTIMORE
Chief Judge

Approved:

JON MESSNER
Deputy Budget Director
VALERIE JOHNSON
Finance Director

By Council Member Hill:

Resolved, That the 36th District Court be and is hereby authorized to accept a grant from the Hudson-Webber Foundation in the amount of \$125,000. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for the Criminal Justice Consortium's Closed Circuit TV Arraignment Program. The Hudson-Webber Foundation requires that the entire grant be expended prior to July 1, 2000 and no local match is needed; And Be It Further

Resolved, That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to establish Appropriation account #6402, Closed Circuit TV Arraignment Program; And Be It Further

Resolved, That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to establish necessary accounts, transfer funds and honor all payrolls and vouchers when presented in accordance with the foregoing communication, standard City accounting procedures and requirements of the Hudson-Webber Foundation.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, Cockrel, Everett, Hill, Hood, Ravitz, Scott, Tinsley-Williams, and President Mahaffey — 9.

Nays — None.

36th District Court

December 3, 1997

Honorable City Council:

Re: Authority to accept and appropriate Program Year 1997 (FY '98) Domestic Violence Early Intervention Grant Funds from the Skillman Foundation.

The 36th District Court requests your Honorable Body's authorization to accept Domestic Violence Early Intervention Grant Funds in the amount of \$75,000. The grant is awarded by the Skillman Foundation. The Domestic Violence Early Intervention Program Grant is for the purpose of providing counseling, as a condition of bond, to defendants in order to encourage behavior modification thereby reducing the number of domestic violence cases. The program will be operated by the 36th District Court. We, therefore, request your authorization to set up Appropriation Number 6574 for \$75,000 for fiscal year 1997-98.

We respectfully request your Honorable