

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, K. Cockrel, Jr., S. Cockrel, Hood, Scott, Tinsley-Talabi, and President Hill — 7. Nays — None.

\*WAIVER OF RECONSIDERATION (No. 4), per Motions before Adjournment.

## City Planning Commission

January 18, 2000 Honorable City Council:

Re: DLI Properties, L.L.C., Request for Vacation of Public Streets, Alleys and Utility Easements in the Lions Stadium Project Area (Petition No. 2152) (Recommend Approval).

The petitioner, DLI Properties L.L.C., is requesting the vacation of public streets, alleys, and utility easements in the area bounded by Adams, Brush, Beaubien and Beacon. This is to allow the Detroit Lions to utilize the former Hudson's warehouse as a part of the stadium development. Adams would be vacated and would become a pedestrian "mall" or walkway running between the stadium and the former warehouse, connecting Brush Street with St. Antoine. Plans submitted by the Lions show retail and commercial development along the "mall." The stadium would be constructed over the vacated street.

On January 6, 2000, the CPC took action to recommend approval of the vacation of Adams Street and the transfer of the City-owned parcel at 2210 Brush to allow for the construction of Ford Field. City Council approval of the requested street vacation would be consistent with the recommendation of the City Planning Commission.

Since the Council's discussion on Paradise Valley on January 18, 2000, the CPC office has been informed of a concern by the Tigers' organization regarding the ability of patrons of Comerica Park being able to have continuous direct access via vacated Adams to and from the parking lot located to the east of Ford Field. The Tigers' organization has requested assurances that the pedestrian "mall" presented in the plans for Ford Field would be open before and after all Tigers' games to allow Tiger fans to walk directly to and from the parking lot.

CPC staff has been informed that a letter has been sent from the Lions' organization to Denise Illitch stating the Lions' intention to retain pedestrian access through the area between the existing Hudson's warehouse and the new Ford Field construction, although this is at the Lions' discretion. Vacated Adams is intended to be a very friendly, highly interactive space. Pedestrian traffic will be encouraged to support the various restaurants and other commercial tenants anticipated in this area.

With this information and the previous action of the Planning Commission on January 6, 2000, CPC staff recommends approval of the vacation of Adams Street as proposed, and the approval of the resolution relative to amendment of the project boundaries. This vacation is consistent both with the plans presented to your Honorable Body by the Lions and the request before your Honorable Body by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to amend the Tigers/Lions Stadia Complex project boundaries.

Respectfully submitted, MARSHA S. BRUHN Director GREGORY MOOTS Staff

## Department of Public Works City Engineering Division January 17, 2000

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 2152 — "DLI Properties, L.L.C.", requesting outright vacation of streets, alleys and utility easements in the area bounded by Adams, Brush, Beaubien and Beacon.

Petition No. 2152 of "DLI Properties, L.L.C.", requests for the outright vacation of Adams Street, 50 feet wide, between Brush Street, 50 feet wide, and St. Antoine Street, 50 & 59.83 feet wide, except for a Detroit Edison manhole no. 7988 and lines extending west of this manhole; also Beaubien Street, 40 feet wide, from the south line of Adams Street south to a point 15.00 feet north of the north line of Beacon Street, 50 feet wide; also, the remaining portion of the north-south public alley, 20 feet wide, first west of St. Antoine Street between Beacon and Adams Street, in order to facilitate construction of "Ford Field" the New Detroit Lions football stadium.

The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division — DPW for investi-

gation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

The Traffic Engineering Division — DPW has approved this public street closing.

The Detroit/Wayne County Stadium Authority is the owner of certain property abutting the requested changes in public rights-of-way, and as the owner, has no objection and has consented to Petition No. 2152.

ComCast Cablevision of Detroit has reported it will be necessary to remove and/or reroute services in the requested rights-of-way to be outright vacated, at an estimated costs of \$88,606.48, to be paid before vacation can take place.

The Public Lighting Department (PLD) is relocating its underground facilities located out of Adams St., between Brush and St. Antoine Streets. The relocation work also includes underground facilities located in Beaubien St. between Adams St. and a line 15.00 feet north of Beacon St. Relocation costs to petitioner will be forwarded through the Downtown Development Authority and its consultant.

Detroit Edison has reported that its underground facilities in the area are scheduled to be relocated.

Ameritech (MBT) has facilities underground in Adams St. between Brush St. and St. Antoine St. Costs of rerouting facilities are \$76,218.65, to be paid before vacation can take place. Reroute will take approximately 6-8 weeks once payment issues are settled.

The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) has reviewed the subject petition and based on their review, DWSD finds that they have,  $48^{\circ}$ ,  $24^{\circ}$  and  $8^{\circ}$  water mains in Adams St., a 10" water main and 3'-8" x 5'-6" and 3'-0" sewer(s) in Beaubien St.; 15" x 20" sewer in the north-south public alley north of Beacon St. and west of St. Antoine St.

DWSD has no objections to the outright vacations proposed in petition no. 2152 provided that the DWSD retains temporary easements and unobstructed access to maintain water and sewer facilities in streets and alleys until the petitioner completes the following:

1. The petitioner shall relocate the existing 48" water main in Adams per plans approved by DWSD and under DWSD permit and inspection at petitioner's expense.

2. The petitioner shall provide all the required permanent easements for the relocated 48" water main as required by DWSD.

3. Cut and cap existing 8" and 24" water mains in Adams and 10" water main in Beaubien as per plans approved by DWSD and under DWSD permit and inspection at petitioner's expense.

4. Bulkhead existing 3'-8" x 5'-6" and 3'-0" sewers in Beaubien and build manholes