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By Council Member Collins:

Resolved, That the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) be and is hereby authorized to enter into a contract agreement to accept MI-90-X533 Section 5307 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and 2007-0201/Z2 Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Project Authorization grant agreements. The funds will allow DDOT to purchase various equipment and transit services; and be it further

Resolved, That funds be increased in Appropriation Account No. 10330 by \$24,044,322; and be it further

Resolved, That the Director of the Detroit Department of Transportation, Norman L. White, be and is hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Detroit; and be it further

Resolved, That the Finance Director be and is hereby authorized to establish the necessary accounts, transfer funds and honor payrolls and vouchers in accordance with the foregoing communication and standard City accounting practices, and the regulations of the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members S. Cockrel, Collins, Jones, Kenyatta, Reeves, Tinsley-Talabi, Watson, Conyers, and President K. Cockrel, Jr. — 9.

Nays — None.

#### **Water and Sewerage Department**

July 27, 2007

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 1787 Vacation of Sewer Easement in the Area bounded by Wyoming Ave., Cambridge, Kentucky and Seven Mile Road.

The Petitioner has requested the vacation of a portion of the sewer easement in the area bounded by Wyoming, Cambridge, Kentucky and Seven Mile and the relocation of the sewer located in the portion of the easement to be vacated. The sewer easement was retained when the alley was vacated in 1939 (J.C.C. June 27, 1939, Pages 1490-91).

The Petitioner is requesting the vacation of the sewer easement and the relocation of the sewer adjacent to Lots 669 to 667 inclusive of the Chester Heights Subdivision in order to develop the property.

There is a 24-inch sewer located in the easement that serves property not owned by the Petitioner. However, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) has no objections to the proposed vacation of the sewer easement and relocation of the sewer located therein.

The sewer relocation is to be done under DWSD's permit and inspection in accordance with plans approved by DWSD. All of the work is to be done at the Petitioner's expense at no cost to DWSD.

We, therefore, recommend that Petition

No. 1787 be granted in accordance with the attached resolution. After the City Council has acted on the petition, please send a copy of the City Council resolution to the attention of Mr. Bharat Doshi, Head Engineer of Water Systems, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, 1420 Washington Boulevard, 6th Floor, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Respectfully submitted,  
VICTOR M. MERCADO  
Director

By Council Member Collins:

Resolved, That a portion of the sewer easement retained in the north-south alley bounded by Wyoming, Cambridge, Kentucky and Seven Mile lying east of and abutting the east line of Lots 669 to 677 inclusive of the Chester Heights Subdivision when the alley was previously vacated and converted to a sewer easement on June 27, 1939, J.C.C. Pages 1490-91;

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a sewer easement subject to the following provisions;

Provided, That the sewer located in the easement be relocated and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) is hereby authorized to review the drawings for the relocated lateral sewer and to issue permits for the construction of the lateral sewer; and further

Provided, That the plans for the proposed lateral sewer shall be prepared by a registered engineer; and further

Provided, That the entire work is to be performed in accordance with plans and specifications approved by DWSD and constructed under the inspection and approval of DWSD; and further

Provided, That the entire cost of the proposed lateral sewer construction, including inspection and survey and engineering shall be borne by the Petitioner; and further

Provided, That the Petitioner shall deposit with DWSD, in advance of engineering, inspection and survey, such amounts as the department deems necessary to cover the costs of these services; and further

Provided, That the Petitioner shall grant to the City a satisfactory easement for the proposed lateral sewer; and further

Provided, That the Board of Water Commissioners shall accept and execute the easement grant on behalf of the City; and further

Provided, That the Petitioner shall provide DWSD with as-built drawing of the proposed lateral sewer; and further

Provided, That the Petitioner shall provide a one (1) year warranty for the proposed lateral sewer; and further

Provided, That upon satisfactory completion, the proposed lateral sewer shall become City property and become part of the City system and the existing lateral

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sewer that is being abandoned shall belong to the Petitioner and will no longer be the responsibility of the City.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members S. Cockrel, Collins, Jones, Kenyatta, Reeves, Tinsley-Talabi, Watson, Conyers, and President K. Cockrel, Jr. — 9.

Nays — None.

#### City Planning Commission

July 26, 2007

Honorable City Council:

Re: Installation of signs at the Pontchartrain hotel building located at the northeast corner of West Jefferson Avenue and Washington Boulevard (Recommend Approval).

On July 24, 2007, the staff of the City Planning Commission (CPC) received a sign permit application for four (4) building signs for the Pontchartrain Hotel, which is becoming part of the Sheraton Hotel chain, located at the northeast corner of West Jefferson Avenue and Washington Boulevard. The proposed signs will consist of two (2) Sheraton logos and two "Sheraton" signs. The PCA (Restricted Central Business District) zoning classification in which the building is located calls for City Council approval of the location and design of proposed signs following the review and recommendation of CPC and the Planning and Development Department (P&DD) (Section 61-11-96 of the Zoning Ordinance). P&DD and CPC staff have reviewed the application and submit this report and recommendation.

#### PROPOSED SIGNS

The proposed signs are as follows:

- An internally illuminated Sheraton logo, eight (8) feet in diameter and red in color, mounted on the southern face of the new canopy on West Jefferson Avenue.
- An internally illuminated Sheraton logo, ten (10) feet in diameter and red in color, mounted on the southern face of the penthouse of the building.
- Individual two (2) foot tall internally illuminated red letters spelling out "Sheraton" on the western and eastern sides of the new canopy on West Jefferson Avenue.

#### REVIEW

In accordance with the PCA provisions of the Zoning Ordinance (Section 61-11-96), reviews of proposed signs should be conducted in light of the following criterion, "Signage and graphics should be tastefully designed to be visually appealing and in character with surrounding development; they should provide needed information, direction and orientation in a clear and concise manner." The proposed sign meets this criterion and would help identify the building. The petitioner has revised the original proposal to meet the concerns of CPC and P&DD staff by reducing the height of the "Sheraton" letters. Otherwise the proposed sign blends

well with the character of the building (see attachment).

CPC staff is sensitive to the appearance of signs in the PC (Public Center) and PCA zoning districts, as these districts comprise areas that are at the heart of downtown and visited by hundreds of thousands of people yearly. External signs are a key part in establishing the character of the City, and in this case the City center. While some signs are appropriate and address both their surroundings and the immediate setting, care must be taken in examining each proposal.

#### RECOMMENDATION

CPC staff has completed its review of the proposed sign, as has the P&DD staff. We find that the sign would be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the PCA zoning district. Therefore, staff recommends approval of the location and design of the proposed signs. Please find attached the appropriate resolution to effectuate this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,  
MARCELL R. TODD, JR.

Director

GREGORY F. MOOTS

Staff

By Council Member Collins:

Whereas, Shubh Hotels LLC desires to install four (4) signs at the Pontchartrain hotel building located at 2 Washington Boulevard at the northeast corner of West Jefferson Avenue and Washington Boulevard on land zoned PCA (Restricted Central Business District); and

Whereas, The building is subject to the review process specified in Section 61-11-96 of the Detroit Zoning Ordinance; and

Whereas, The PCA zoning district classification requires that the location and design of proposed signs within a PCA district be approved by resolution of the City Council following the receipt of a written report and recommendation from the City Planning Commission; and

Whereas, Both the Planning and Development Department and the staff of the City Planning Commission have reviewed the proposal in order to ensure that the proposed sign is in keeping with the spirit, purpose and intent of the PCA zoning district classification;

Now, Therefore Be It

Resolved, That the Detroit City Council approves the location and design of the proposed business signs and related structures for the building located at 2 Washington Boulevard described in the communication from the City Planning Commission staff dated July 26, 2007, and as depicted in the drawing submitted by Shubh Hotels LLC and dated February 9, 2007, with the condition that the height of the letters spelling out "Sheraton" located on the new canopy on the Jefferson Avenue façade be reduced to two (2) feet in height, with a proportional reduction in width.