

**Department of Public Works
City Engineering Division**

June 25, 2015

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 381 — Giffels Webster -
Request to vacate portions of the W.
Canfield, W. Alexandrine, W. Willis and
Selden Avenue(s) rights-of-way.

Petition No. 381 of Giffels Webster, 28
W. Adams, Suite 1200, Detroit, Michigan
48226 in conjunction with Midtown Detroit
Incorporated ("MDI"), the City of Detroit
Department of Public Works ("DPW"), City
Engineering Division ("CED"), respectfully
request to vacate the Northerly and
Southerly 20.00 feet of the W. Canfield
Avenue (100 feet wide) between Third and
Cass Avenue(s); the Northerly 21.00 feet
and Southerly 19.00 feet of the W. Willis
Avenue (100 feet wide) between Third and
Woodward Avenue(s); the Northerly and
Southerly 20.00 feet of W. Alexandrine
Avenue (100 feet wide) between Third and
Woodward Avenue(s); and the Northerly
and Southerly 10.00 feet of Selden
Avenue (100 feet wide) between Third and
Cass Avenue(s).

Giffels Webster as Civil Consultants has
been asked to facilitate the requested
vacations. Throughout this petition investi-
gation, Giffels Webster has been working
closely with the "DPW", "CED" and "MDI",
as well as, utilities, property owners and
stake holders to achieve vacations satisfac-
tory to all interested parties.

The reasoning behind this request is
that in the early 1800's when many of the
Midtown/Cass Corridor streets, "Cass
Farm" streets had been originally platted,
with intentions to maintain rights-of-way,
100 feet wide. Where, thirty (30) foot
"strips" were reserved for shrubbery, side-
walk and ornamental purposes. However
as development in the area progressed
through the 1800 and 1900(s) the areas
as reserved did not happen. Some areas
have wide paved areas, some have nar-
row walks, some have wide walks. In many
cases "encroachments" have been
installed that realistically should fit the true
alignment of the road.

With the number of developments and
re-developments taking place in the Mid-
town area, over the years, and in order to
address existing rights-of-way (existing
encroachments) issues, Midtown Detroit
Incorporated and the City of Detroit have
agreed to attempt to correct said issues by
investigating the narrowing of said platted
rights-of-way.

By approving the vacation(s), it will
allow continued enhancements to be
achieved, at the same time, not disrupting
the current vehicular or pedestrian traffic
flow.

The request was approved by Planning
and Development Department and the
Traffic Engineering Division — DPW. The
petition was referred to the City

Engineering Division — DPW for
investigation (utility review) and report.
This is our report.

The Traffic Engineering Division —
DPW reports involvement but no objec-
tion to the request provided that a mini-
mum 10.00 feet clearance between the
face of curb and the outer edge of the
vacation shall be maintained and that
approval of all the abutting property own-
ers is secured.

Private easements are to be reserved
for the Detroit Water and Sewerage
Department (DWSD), DTE Electric, DTE
Gas and AT&T where necessary. Also, the
petitioner must comply with the provisions
and requirements of the attached resolu-
tion. Call MISS DIG to mark any proposed
installations.

All other city departments and privately
owned utility companies have reported no
objections to the changes in public rights-
of-way or that satisfactory arrangements
have been made. Provisions protecting
utility installations (if necessary) are part
of this resolution.

I am recommending adoption of the
attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD DOHERTY

P.E. City Engineer

City Engineering Division — DPW

By Council Member Benson:

Resolved, Land in the City of Detroit,
Wayne County, Michigan, being the
Northerly 20.00 feet of W. Canfield
Avenue, 100 ft. wd, between Third
Avenue, 70 ft. wd. and Cass Avenue, 80 ft.
wd, lying southerly of and abutting the
south line of Lots 1 - 11, both inclusive,
"Subdivision of Block 100, Cass Farm", as
recorded in Liber 1, Page 300, Plats,
Wayne County Records, and Lot 1 and
Lots 17 - 24, both inclusive, "Subdivision
of Block 99, Cass Farm" as recorded in
Liber 1, Page 272, Plats, Wayne County
Records; Also lying northerly of and abut-
ting the north line of Lots 8 -16, both inclu-
sive, Block 98, and Lots 8 -16, both inclu-
sive, Block 97, "Subdivision of Blocks 97
& 98, Cass Farm" as recorded in Liber 1,
Page 259, Plats, Wayne County Records,
Also

Be it further resolved, Land in the City
of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, being
the Northerly 21.00 feet of W. Willis
Avenue, 100 feet wide, between Third
Avenue, 70 ft. wd. and Woodward Avenue,
120 ft. wd., lying southerly of and abutting
the south line of Lot 1, and Lots 17-24,
both inclusive, Block 98, "Subdivision of
Blocks 97 & 98, Cass Farm" as recorded
in Liber 1, Page 259, Plats, Wayne County
Records; also, lying southerly of and abut-
ting the south line of Lot 1 and a private
alley, of "Plat of the Re-Sub'n of Lots 17 &
18, Block 97, Cass Farm", as recorded in
Liber 6, Page 46, Plats, Wayne County
Records; also, lying southerly of and abut-

ting the south line of Lot 1, "Subdivision of Blocks 97 & 98, Cass Farm" as recorded in Liber 1, Page 259, Plats, Wayne County Records; also, lying southerly of and abutting the south line of Lots 1 and 22, and Lots 25 - 31, both inclusive, "Plat of the Subdivision of Park Lots 61 and 62" as recorded in Liber 1, Page 128, Plats, Wayne County Records; Also, being the Southerly 19.00 feet of W. Willis Avenue, 100 feet wide, lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lots 6 - 14, both inclusive, Block 96, Lots 6 - 14, Block 95, "Subdivision of Part of the Cass Farm" to be known as Blocks 89 - 96, inclusive, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 175, 176 & 177, Plats, Wayne County Records; lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lots 9 & 22, Lots 32 - 38, both inclusive, "Plat of the Subdivision of Park Lots 61 and 62" as recorded in Liber 1, Page 128, Plats, Wayne County Records; also

Be it further resolved, Land in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, being the Northerly 20.00 feet of W. Alexandrine Avenue, 100 feet wide, between Third Avenue, 70 ft. wd and Woodward Avenue, 120 ft. wd., lying southerly of and abutting the south line of Lot 1, and Lots 15 - 22, both inclusive, Block 96, and lying southerly of and abutting the south line of Lot 1, and Lots 15 - 22, both inclusive, Block 95, "Subdivision of Part of the Cass Farm" to be known as Blocks 89 - 96, inclusive, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 175, 176 & 177, Plats, Wayne County Records; and lying southerly of and abutting the south line of Lot 4 & 16, and Lots 39 - 45, both inclusive, "Plat of the Subdivision of Park Lots 61 and 62" as recorded in Liber 1, Page 128, Plats, Wayne County Records; also, the Southerly 20.00 feet of W. Alexandrine Avenue, lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lots 8 - 16, both inclusive, Block 94, and Lots 8 - 16, both inclusive, Block 93, "Subdivision of Part of the Cass Farms" to be known as Blocks 89-96, inclusive, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 175, 176 & 177, Plats, Wayne County Records; also, the southerly 14.60 feet of W. Alexandrine Avenue, 100 ft. wd., lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lot 15 and Lots 46 - 53, both inclusive, "Plat of the Subdivision of Park Lots 61 and 62" as recorded in Liber 1, Page 128, Plats, Wayne County Records; also

Be it further resolved, Land in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, being the Northerly 10.00 feet of Selden Avenue, 100 feet wide, between Third Avenue, 70 ft. wd. and Cass Avenue, 80 ft. wd., lying southerly of and abutting the south line of Lot 1 and Lots 20 - 24, both inclusive, Block 94, "Subdivision of Part of the Cass Farm" to be known as Blocks 89 - 96, inclusive, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 175, 176 & 177, Plats, Wayne

County Records; Lot A, Block 94, "Subdivision of the Cass Farm" as recorded in Liber 4, Page 11, Plats, Wayne County Records; Lot 1 and Lots 17 - 24, both inclusive, Block 93, "Subdivision of Part of the Cass Farm" to be known as Blocks 89 - 96, inclusive, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 175, 176 & 177, Plats, Wayne County Records; Also, the Southerly 10.00 feet of Selden Avenue, 100 feet wide, lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lots 8 - 16, both inclusive, Block 92, and lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lots 8 - 13, both inclusive, Block 91, "Subdivision of Part of the Cass Farm" to be known as Blocks 89 - 96, inclusive, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 175, 176 & 177, Plats, Wayne County Records; and, lying northerly of and abutting the north line of Lots 5, 6 and the private alley, "Plat of Milo A. Smiths Sub'n of Lots 7, 8 Block 88, Lots 1, 2, 3 Block 90, Lots 14, 15, 16, Block 91, Lots 17, 18, Block 92 Cass Farm" T. 2S., R. 12E., as recorded in Liber 4, Page 15, Plats, Wayne County Records;

Be and the same are hereby vacated (outright) as public rights-of-way to become part and parcel of the abutting property; subject to the following provisions;

Provided, That a private easement is reserved for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), DTE Electric, DTE Gas and AT&T, of the full width of said vacations (if necessary); and further

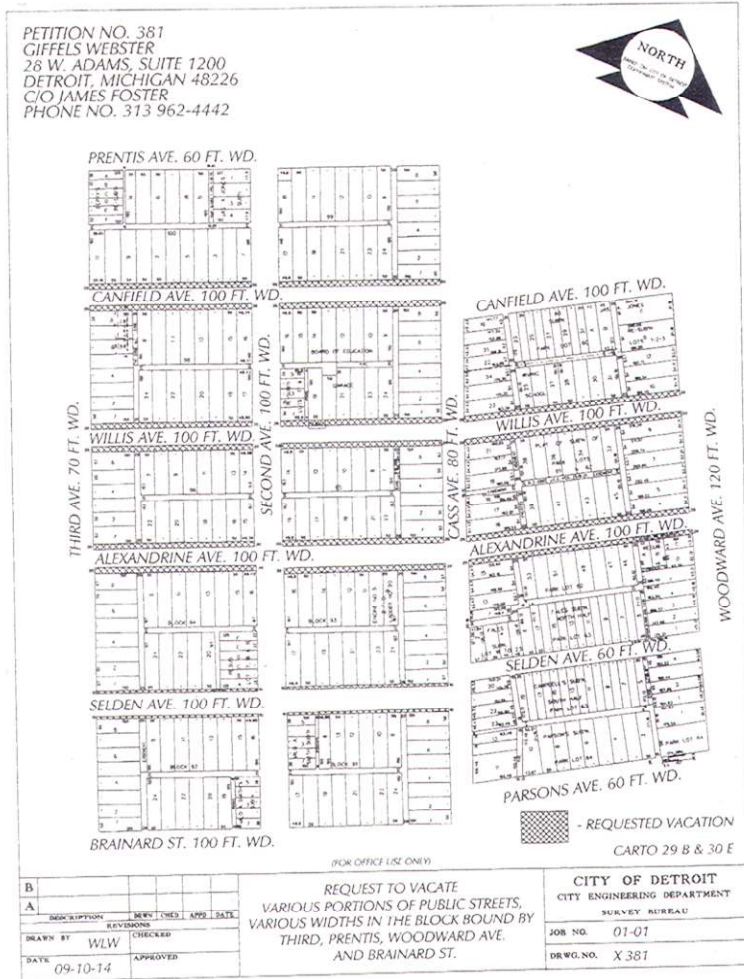
Provided, That free and easy access to the sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and appurtenances within the easement is required for said Utility Companies equipment, including the use of backhoes, bull dozers, cranes or pipe trucks, and other heavy equipment, as necessary for the alteration or repair of the sewer or water main facilities; and further

Provided, The abutting property owners, contractors or assigns Call MISS DIG to mark utility installations prior to construction; and further

Provided, That before any construction shall be permitted within the vacated parts of public streets, mentioned above, the petitioner shall apply to the City Engineering Division - DPW for permits. Simultaneously, the petitioner shall submit said plans to said utility companies for review and approval; and further

Provided, That a minimum 10.00 feet clearance between the face of curb and the outer edge of the vacation shall be maintained; and further

Provided, That the City Clerk shall within 30 days record a certified copy of this resolution with the Wayne County Register of Deed.



Adopted as follows:
 Yeas — Council Members Benson, Castaneda-Lopez, Cushingberry, Jr., Leland, Sheffield, Spivey, Tate, and President Jones — 8.
 Nays — None.

**Department of Public Works
 City Engineering Division**
 June 23, 2015

Honorable City Council:
 Re: Petition No. 235, Brooksey's LLC, request to permission to permanently vacate the alley located between W. Warren Ave., and Holmes and between Proctor St. and Central. (Related to Petition 2162).

Petition No. 235 — Brooksey's LLC, request to vacate and convert to easement the east-west public alley, 16 feet wide, in the block of Holmes Avenue, 60

feet wide, West Warren Avenue, 100 feet wide, Central Avenue, 60 feet wide, and Proctor Avenue, 60 feet wide. The request has been amended to renew the existing temporary closure due to the existing usage and conditions.

The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division — DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

The request is a renewal of an existing closure that has no record of objections. The request is being made to maintain security and prevent illegal dumping.

All involved City departments and privately owned utility companies have reported no objections to the proposal, provided they have the right to ingress and egress at all times to their facilities. Provisions protecting the rights of the utilities and the City are a part of this resolution.