

By Council Member Santiago-Romero:  
Whereas, The Health Department has requested authorization from City Council to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS), for the FY 2024 Grief & Bereavement Grant, in the amount of \$20,000.00, to serve and support grieving families, and to encourage partnerships to include at least one hospital, one community-based organization, and one hospice/palliative care program, to enhance bereavement services and networks within the region; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, The Health Department is hereby authorized to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) for the FY 2024 Grief & Bereavement Grant.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Benson, Durhal, III, Johnson, Santiago-Romero, Tate, Waters, Whitfield-Calloway, Young, II and President Sheffield — 9.

Nays — None.

**Department of Public Works**

June 29, 2023

Honorable City Council:

Re: **Petition #2022-207** — On behalf of Trident Checker, LLC, Parkstone Development Partners, request for conversion of a portion of Brooklyn Street from one-way to two-way in the block located between Plum Street and West Elizabeth Street.

On June 24, 2022, Department of Public Works (DPW), Traffic Engineering Division (TED) received the above request under Petition #2022-207 from City Clerk's office for our investigative report regarding the subject matter. Upon the receipt of the request, TED conducted review of the above request and below are our findings and recommendations:

**Background information**

On behalf of Trident Checker, LLC, Parkstone Development Partners is requesting the conversion of a portion of Brooklyn Street, a 280 ft. long block located between Plum Street and West Elizabeth Street from one-way to two-way traffic. The purpose of the conversion is to allow better access to an upcoming development located on the adjacent block.

**Existing and Proposed conditions: Brooklyn Street (32 feet wide paved) from Plum to Elizabeth**

**Existing Condition:** Brooklyn Street has existing 50 ft. Right of Way with 32 ft. paved width and 6 ft. sidewalks on either side. Currently Brooklyn St. is operating as one-way(southbound) with no parking restrictions.

**Proposed condition:** Brooklyn St. will be converted to two-way with one lane in each direction with no parking restrictions.

**Recommendation**

DPW agrees to recommend two-way conversion of Brooklyn St. between Plum and Elizabeth.

Our recommendation is based on the fact that this recommended traffic operation will improve traffic flow and provide better circulation for the upcoming development located on the adjacent/abutting block. Moreover, conversion will not adversely impact the on-street parking facilities as parking will be maintained wherever feasible.

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Traffic Engineering Division (TED) of Department of Public Works (DPW) has met with the stakeholders and development team to discuss the request and the impact of the changes. The proposed change will require signage revisions along the stretch of Brooklyn St. between Plum and Elizabeth which will be implemented by DPW Sign Shop. A notification letter was sent out to all the addresses directly impacted by the two-way conversion and TED has received letters from the following property owners consenting to the conversion of Brooklyn Street from one-way to two-way as described in Petition 2022-207:

- 2145 Brooklyn
- 1302 W. Elizabeth
- 1310 W. Elizabeth
- 1320 W. Elizabeth
- 2118 Brooklyn
- 1270 W. Elizabeth
- 1262 W. Elizabeth
- 1256 W. Elizabeth
- 1254 W. Elizabeth
- 1250 W. Elizabeth

Respectfully submitted,  
RON BRUNDIDGE  
Director

Department of Public Works

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Benson, Durhal, III, Johnson, Santiago-Romero, Tate, Waters, Whitfield-Calloway, Young, II and President Sheffield — 9.

Nays — None.

**Department of Public Works  
City Engineering Division**

June 29, 2023

Honorable City Council:

Re: **Petition No. x2023-247** — Detroit/Wayne Stadium Authority request to Outright vacate the utility easement reserved over that part of vacated Columbia Street, between Woodward Avenue and Witherell Street, vacated per City Council decision on Dec 9th, 1994.

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right vacate the utility easement reserved over that part of vacated Columbia Street, between Woodward Avenue and Witherell Street, vacated per City Council decision on Dec 9th, 1994.

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

The request is made as part of plans to develop the site adjacent to Comerica Park.

The request was approved by the Solid Waste Division — DPW, and Traffic Engineering Division — DPW, and City Engineering — DPW.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) has no objection provided certain provisions are met. The DWSD provisions are a part of the attached resolution.

All other involved City Departments, and privately owned utility companies have reported no objections. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the attached resolution.

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
RICHARD DOHERTY, P.E.

City Engineer

City Engineering Division — DPW

By Council Member Santiago-Romero:

Resolved, That Columbia Street, vacated with reserve of a utility easement on Dec 9th, 1994; further described as land in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan being:

All that part of Columbia Street, 50 ft. wide, west of Witherell Street lying southerly of and abutting the south line of lots 141 through 149, and easterly 57.62 ft. of

lot 150 and that part of Columbia Street lying southerly of the north-south alley between said lots 149 and 150; also lying northerly of and abutting the north line of the easterly 57.62 ft. of lot 88, lots 89 through 97, and that part of Columbia Street lying northerly of the north-south alley lying between said lots 88 and 89 of "Plat of William's Park Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4" as recorded in Liber 1, Page 39 of 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:

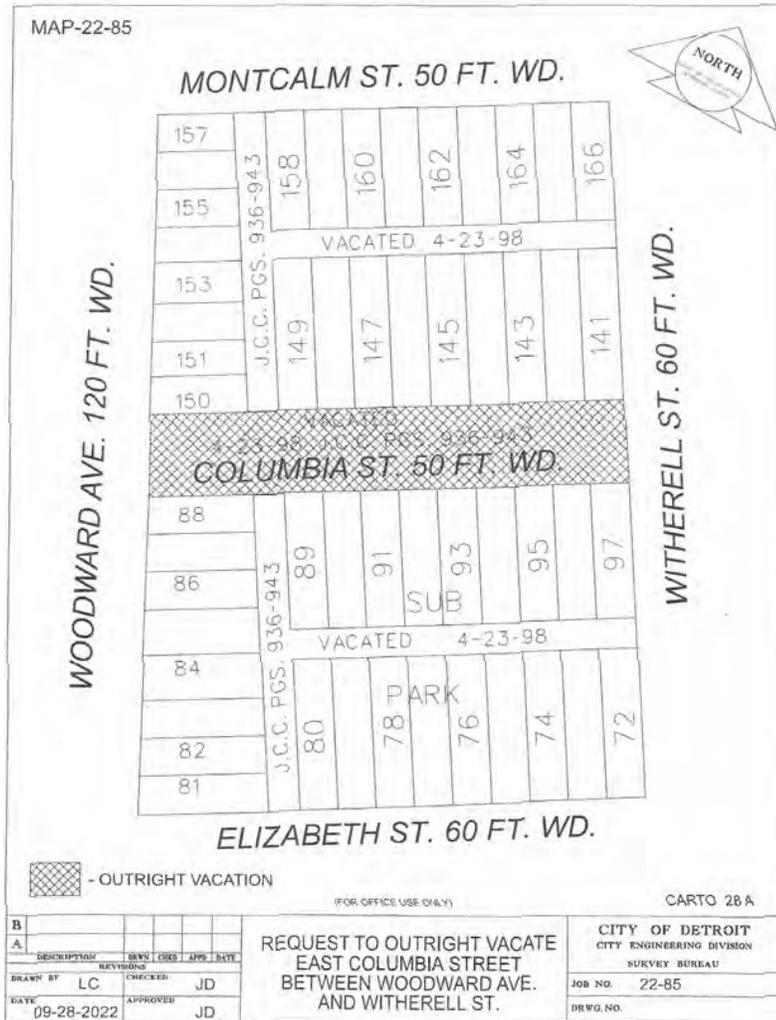
Provided, That petitioner/property owner make satisfactory arrangements with any and all utility companies for cost and arrangements for the removing and/or relocating of the utility companies and city departments services, and further

Provided, That the petitioner/property owner acknowledge that DWSD relinquishes all responsibility for underground sewers, if any, and further

Provided, That the petitioner/property owner bear the entire cost of any modification to the sewer, in any, including costs related to construction, demolition, permitting, inspection, and survey, and further

Provided, That any construction in the public rights-of-way such as curbs and sidewalks shall be done under city permit and inspection according to City Engineering Division — DPW specifications with all costs borne by the abutting owner(s), their heir or assigns; and further

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



Adopted as follows:  
 Yeas — Council Members Benson, Durhal, III, Johnson, Santiago-Romero, Tate, Waters, Whitfield-Calloway, Young, II and President Sheffield — 9.  
 Nays — None.

Department of Public Works  
 July 14, 2023

Honorable City Council:  
 Re: City of Detroit to accept funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation to permanently close to all traffic the railroad crossing located on Selkirk Street, between Mount Elliott Street and Foster Street. Also, for the acceptance of funding to facilitate improvements to Selkirk Street for said closure.

The City of Detroit ("CITY") has negotiated an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT"), that will result in permanent closure to all traffic over the Selkirk Street railroad crossing located over the Consolidated Rail Corporation tracks, between Mount Elliott Street and Foster Street, within the City of Detroit.

Whereas, the Department of Public Works has surveyed railroad crossings within the City of Detroit, MI with respect to the safety of said crossings, and  
 Whereas, MDOT has agreed to issue funding from the Local Grade Crossing Closure Program in the amount of \$125,000 to the CITY, conditioned upon the closing of the Selkirk Street railroad crossings, and