

City Engineering Department

March 16, 1990

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 2995, Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Alley to Easement, portion of east-west public alley in the block bounded by Ardmore, Stansbury, John C. Lodge Fwy., Clarita and W. Seven Mile.

Petition No. 2995 of Hartford Memorial Baptist Church requests the conversion of a portion of the east-west public alley (northerly of and parallel to the freeway service drive), 20 feet wide, in the block bounded by Ardmore and Stansbury Avenues, the John C. Lodge Freeway, Clarita Avenue, and West Seven Mile Road into an easement for public utilities.

The requested conversion was approved by the Community and Economic Development Department. The petition was referred to the City Engineering Department for investigation and report. This is our report:

The petitioner plans to use the paved alley return entrance (into Ardmore) and requests such remain in its present status. The petitioner shall pay all incidental removal costs whenever discontinuance of use makes removal necessary.

City departments and privately-owned utility companies have reported no objections to the conversion of public rights-of-way into a utility easement. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the resolution.

The adoption of the attached resolution is recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE R. HOPKINS

Director

By Council Member Hood:

Resolved, All that part of the east-west public alley (northerly of and parallel to the freeway service drive), 20 feet wide, in the block bounded by Ardmore and Stansbury Avenues, the John C. Lodge Freeway, Clarita Avenue, and West Seven Mile Road lying southwesterly of and abutting the westerly line of Lot 385;

also lying northeasterly of and abutting the easterly line of Lots 386 to 393 of "Ramm and Company's Northwestern Highway Subdivision No. 3" of Part of the North Three Quarters of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7, Town 1 South, Range 11 East, Greenfield Township, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan as recorded in Liber 49, Page 7, Plats, Wayne County Records;

Be and the same is hereby vacated as public alley and is hereby converted into a public easement of the full width of the alley, which easement shall be subject to the following covenants and agreements, uses, reservations and regulations, which shall be observed by the owners of the lots abutting on said alley and by their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, forever to wit:

FIRST, Said owners hereby grant to and for the use of the public an easement or right-of-way over said vacated public alley herein above described for the purposes of maintaining, installing, repairing, removing, or replacing public utilities such as water mains, sewers, gas lines or mains, telephone, electric light conduits or poles or things usually placed or installed in a public alley in the City of Detroit, with the right to ingress and egress at any time to and over said easement for the purpose above set forth,

SECOND, Said utility easement or right-of-way in and over said vacated alley herein above described shall be forever accessible to the maintenance and inspection forces of the utility companies, or those specifically authorized by them, for the purpose of inspecting, installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewer, conduit, water main, gas line or main, telephone or light pole or any utility facility placed or installed in the utility easement or right-of-way. The utility companies shall have the right to cross or use the driveways and yards of the adjoining properties for ingress and egress at any time to and over said utility easement with any necessary equipment to perform the above-mentioned tasks, with the understanding that the utility companies shall use due care in such crossing or use, and that any property damaged by the utility companies, other than that specifically prohibited by this resolution, shall be restored to a satisfactory condition,

THIRD, Said owners for their heirs and assigns further agree that no buildings or structures of any nature whatsoever including, but not limited to, concrete slabs or driveways, retaining or partition walls (except necessary line fence) shall be built or placed upon said easement, nor change of surface grade made, without prior approval of the City Engineering Department,

FOURTH, That if the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated alley shall request the removal and/or relocation of any existing poles, or other utilities in said easement, such owners, shall pay all costs incidental to such removal and/or relocation, unless such charges are waived by the utility owners,

FIFTH, That if any utility located in said property shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of said owners or assigns (by way of illustration but not limitation) such as storage of excessive weights of materials or construction not in accordance with Section 3, mentioned above, then in such event said owners or assigns shall be liable for all costs incidental to the repair of such broken or damaged utility, and

PROVIDED, That if it becomes necessary to remove the paved alley return at the entrance (into Ardmore Avenue), such removal and construction of new curb and sidewalk shall be done under City permit and inspection according to City Engineering Department specifications with all costs borne by the petitioner, their heirs or assigns; and

PROVIDED FURTHER, That a certified copy of this resolution shall be recorded with the Wayne County Register of Deeds. The petitioner shall pay all incidental recording costs.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, Collins, Eberhard, Hill, Hood, Kelley, Ravitz, and President Mahaffey — 8.

Nays — None.

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W. SEVEN MILE

