

City of Detroit
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

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DEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE COMMUNICATION

Thursday, September 23, 2010

To: The Department or Commission Listed Below

From: Janice M. Winfrey, Detroit City Clerk

The following petition is herewith referred to you for report and recommendation to the City Council.

In accordance with that body's directive, kindly return the same with your report in duplicate within four (4) weeks.

DPW - CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

706 *Mike Semma, requesting the reopening of E. McNichols between Van Dyke and E. Outer Drive; to give busiesses in area better access to customers. (Closed 9-9-89 for City Airport expansion.)*

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September 14, 2010

Honorable City Council
Attn: Office of the City Clerk
200 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Re: East McNichols Street Closure

Dear Honorable Body:

I would like to petition the Detroit City Council to re-open East McNichols, located between Van Dyke and East Outer Drive.

East McNichols was closed on September 9, 1989 to allow the City airport to expand its runways. It is my understanding that the permit for closure was good for five years. Since that time, our businesses have suffered with the loss of daily traffic unable to pass through East McNichols. During this time, over forty-five businesses have closed. I am the owner of 6101, 6201, 6203, 6141 and 6241 East McNichols.

Location and access are vital to the success of any business. I know that with clear access, our businesses can flourish once more. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Semma
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Enclosures

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EAST OUTER DRIVE 150 FT. WD.

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- AREA OF DEDICATION/RE-OPENING

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REQUEST DEDICATION/RE-OPENING
 OF
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 CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 SURVEY BUREAU

JOB NO. 01-01
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petitioner shall pay all incidental recording costs; and be it further Resolved, The Water and Sewerage Department is hereby directed to install 2 new catch basins and approximately 50 linear feet of 12-inch diameter sewer pipe in Howard Street near 21st; and be it further

Resolved, The Department of Transportation is hereby directed to remove and/or alter traffic control signs as required.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, Collins, Eberhard, Hood, Kelley, Mahaffey, Peoples, Ravitz, and President Henderson — 9.

Nays — None.

City Engineering Department
December 9, 1987

Honorable City Council:
Re: Petition No. 1452, Airport Department. Request to temporarily close part of E. McNichols between French and Conner.
Petition No. 1452 of the Airport Department requests the temporary closing of part of E. McNichols Road, 93 and 100 feet wide, between French Road and Conner Avenue.

The Community and Economic Development Department and the Department of Transportation have approved the proposed temporary street closing.

Your Honorable Body has adopted resolutions to appropriate funds and secure control of cemetery property for airport expansion (August 5, 1987 J.C.C. pages 1862-63; September 16, 1987, J.C.C. page 1978).

An appropriate resolution is attached for consideration by your Honorable Body.

Respectfully submitted,
CLYDE R. HOPKINS
Director

By Council Member Collins:
Whereas, The City of Detroit recognizes the competitive market for airport business in Southeastern Michigan; and whereas, The City desires to expand the use and operation of the Detroit City Airport; and

Whereas, The City has explored several airport expansion proposals. The City is determined to minimize the impact of airport expansion on area businesses, property owners and vehicular traffic; and

Whereas, To attract commitments from airline carriers it is necessary to proceed with expansion in a timely, cost effective manner; therefore be it

Resolved, In order to expand the use and operation of the Detroit City Airport the following portion of public street is hereby closed on a temporary basis:

All that part of E. McNichols, 93 and 120 feet wide, between Conner Avenue and French Road being part of the Northwest Quarter Section 15 and the Southwest Quarter Section 10, Town 1 South, Range 12 East, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan.

Said E. McNichols Road lying west of and adjoining a line described as: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the intersection of Conner Avenue, 86 feet wide, and E. McNichols Road, 120 feet wide; thence Northerly to the Northwest corner of the intersection of E. Outer Drive, 150 feet wide, and E. McNichols Road, 120 feet wide; also

Said E. McNichols Road lying east of and adjoining a line described as: Beginning at a point on the north (top) line of Lot 30 as platted in "Storm and Fowler's Garden Court Subdivision" of part Range 12 East, Hamtramck Township, City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 36, Page 82, Plats, Wayne County Records; thence Northerly at a right angle from said point to the North line of E. McNichols Road, 93 feet wide.

Provided, The City of Detroit and all utility companies retain their rights to maintain and service any existing facilities in said street right-of-way; and

Be it Further Resolved, That the Community and Economic Development Department will immediately meet with the businesses along McNichols Road to discuss their concerns and to develop strategies for reinforcing the viability of these businesses; and

Be it Further Resolved, That the City of Detroit, in order to minimize disruptions in traffic patterns as a result of rerouted traffic, will institute a number of changes in signalization, pavement markings, traffic controls and street resurfacing as outlined in the letter from the Department of Transportation to the City Council dated November 30, 1987, and will also consider the possibility of street widening to facilitate traffic flow.

And Be it Finally Resolved, That, in order to assure that there is continued community input in the Airport's expansion plans, the Community and Economic Development Department will meet with and work with the major community organizations in the area during the development of the Master Plan.

Provided, This resolution is revocable at the will, whim, or caprice of the City Council.

Adopted as follows:
Yeas — Council Members Cleveland, Collins, Eberhard, Hood, Peoples, and President Henderson — 6.
Nays — Council Members Kelley, Mahaffey and Ravitz — 3.

STATEMENT ON THE DETROIT CITY AIRPORT PROJECT
BY EMMA HENDERSON

I have voted to proceed with the Detroit City Airport Project based upon the following telegram to the Mayor, dated November 27, 1987:
Honorable Coleman A. Young, Mayor
11th Floor City/County Building
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mayor Young:

As a result of our recent tour of our City Airport Community, I learned that Southwest Airlines is prepared to reopen Six Mile Road in three years in the event that the closing has not proved feasible and best for all concerned. This fact together with other considerations, leads me to a positive vote in support of closing Six Mile Road, providing we can agree to give the community ultimate consideration by:

1. Possible resurfacing of key streets;
2. Widening of main arteries to aid a smoother flow of traffic; and
3. Assistance to the merchants who will be displaced, or who will need assistance in a comprehensive revitalization plan.

If we open up all the arteries for the smooth flow or integration of airport traffic, and the peaceful and satisfactory adjustments to the residents in the community, I will vote affirmatively; however, to make clear my thoughts in this regard, I am proposing that the many active citizens groups of the immediate airport community, such as Hecca, We Care, Warren/Conner Community Association (to name a few), become a part of a working committee, together with all relevant departments, to guarantee the complete revitalization of their airports' immediate community. We can at least show the same face of cleanliness and beauty as the Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and make our efforts worthy not only of the people involved but to reflect our concerned leadership.

cc: The Detroit City Council
Mr. Emmett Moten
Erma Henderson, President, Detroit City Council and his following departmental response, dated December 9, 1987, from Emmett S. Moten, Jr.

Community & Economic Development Department

December 9, 1987
The Honorable Erma Henderson
City Council President
1340 City-County Building
Detroit, Michigan 48226
Dear Mrs. Henderson:

This letter is to reiterate what I indicated at the City Council table on Friday, December 4, 1987 in regard to city activities that will be undertaken subsequent to the closing of McNichols.

1. Streets in the area will be surveyed for necessary resurfacing and that work will be undertaken.

2. Turn lanes, traffic signal arrows, directional signs, parking prohibitions and whatever else is possible will be used to ensure the smooth flow of traffic.

3. The Community and Economic Development Department will work with businesses in the area to enhance their viability.

Respectfully submitted,
EMMETT S. MOTEN, JR.
Director

Based on the two foregoing communications, I voted yes to closing a portion of E. McNichols Ave.; as the future of Detroit may rest with the development of our City Airport; as outlying counties have been seeking the revenues and economic recovery that such operations bring. As you well know, too much economic development has left our city!

My vote is not to be construed as an invitation to Casino Gambling or as a prelude to its introduction, but as a means that will keep jobs and revenues in Detroit.

Perhaps the most overriding factor of my concern was the direct move toward the speeding up of REGIONALISM. Detroit would have completely lost its identity, completely. If we had allowed South Western Airlines to move to either Oakland or Macomb Counties, modernistic airports would have developed along with hotels, motels, and the related businesses that are naturally drawn to these more lucrative areas. Detroit would have fallen prey to the age old desire of others to consume it by a larger region and explained away with the reasoning that it could not sustain itself.

We are already faced with an abnormally high unemployment rate and by not proceeding with the Project would have deprived us even more of jobs and the opportunity for further development.

I look forward, with great expectation, to the revitalization of that area; aided by the tremendous minds of the citizens who will now be a vital part of the future developments as mandated by the Federal Government and agreed to (in writing) by the Mayor and the Community & Economic Development Department.

STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD REGARDING AIRPORT VOTE
COUNCIL MEMBER
MARYANN MAHAFFEY
I voted no on the temporary closing

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