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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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January 5, 2015

Honorable City Council:

Re: Petition No. 2986 – Rick Robertson, request to vacate alley abutting property at 18988 Washburn.

Petition No. 2986 of Rick Robertson, request for the conversion of the west part of the east-west alley, 20 feet wide, in the block bounded by Clarita Avenue, 50 feet wide, West Seven Mile Road, 100 feet wide, Washburn Avenue, 60 feet wide and Wyoming Avenue, 86 feet wide into a private easement for utilities.

The request was approved by the Solid Waste Division – DPW, and Traffic Engineering Division – DPW. The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

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

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) have no objection to the conversion to easement. The specific DWSD provisions for easements are included in the resolution.

Public Lighting Department (PLD) reports no involvement in the subject alley.

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Doherty, P.E., City Engineer
City Engineering Division – DPW

JMK/

Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director, DPW
Mayor's Office – City Council Liaison

Michael Duggan. MAYOR

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____

RESOLVED, All that part of the east-west public alley, 20 feet wide in the block bounded by Clarita Avenue, 50 feet wide, West Seven Mile Road, 100 feet wide, Washburn Avenue, 60 feet wide and Wyoming Avenue, 86 feet wide and being more particularly described as the public alley 20 feet wide lying northerly of and adjoining the north line of Lot 30 and lying southerly of and adjoining the south line of Lots 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and the west 7 feet of Lot 36 "Hoppers College Park Subdivision of part of N.E. ¼ of N.E.1/4 of Section 8, T.1S.,R.11E. City of Detroit and Township of Greenfield, Wayne County, Michigan" as recorded in Liber 47, Page 70 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

Be and the same is hereby vacated as a public alley and is hereby converted into a private easement for public utilities, 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 easement or right-of-way over said 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 street or 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 task, 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, shall be built or placed upon said easements, nor change of surface grade made, without prior approval of the City Engineering Division – DPW,

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 an easement, the full width of the existing right-of-way, is reserved for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department for the purpose of installing, maintaining, repairing, removing, or replacing any sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and appurtenances, with the right of ingress and egress at any time to, and over said easement for the purpose above set forth; and be it further

Provided, that free and easy access to the sewers, water mains, fire hydrants and appurtenances within the easement is required for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department equipment, including the use of backhoes, bull dozers, cranes or pipe trucks, and other heavy construction equipment, as necessary for the alteration or repair of the sewer or water main facilities; and be it further

Provided, that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department retains the right to install suitable permanent main location guide post over its water mains at reasonable intervals and at points deflection; and be it further

Provided, that said owners of the adjoining property, for themselves, their heirs and assigns, agree that no building or structure of any nature whatsoever, including porches, patios, balconies, etc., shall be built upon or over said easement, or that no grade changes or storage of materials shall be made within said easement without prior written approval and agreement with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department; and be it further

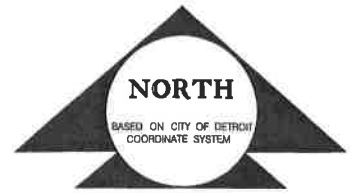
Provided, that if any time in the future, the owners of any lots abutting on said vacated alley shall request the removal and/or relocation of the aforementioned utilities in said easement, such owners shall pay all costs incident to such removal and/or relocation. It is further provided that if sewers, water mains, and/or appurtenances in said easement shall break or be damaged as a result of any action on the part of the owner, or assigns, then in such event, the owner or assigns shall be liable for all costs incident to the repair of such broken or damaged sewers and water mains, and shall also be liable for all claims for damages resulting from his action; and be it further

Provided, That if it becomes necessary to remove the paved alley return at the entrance (into Washburn Avenue), such removal and construction of new curb and sidewalk 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

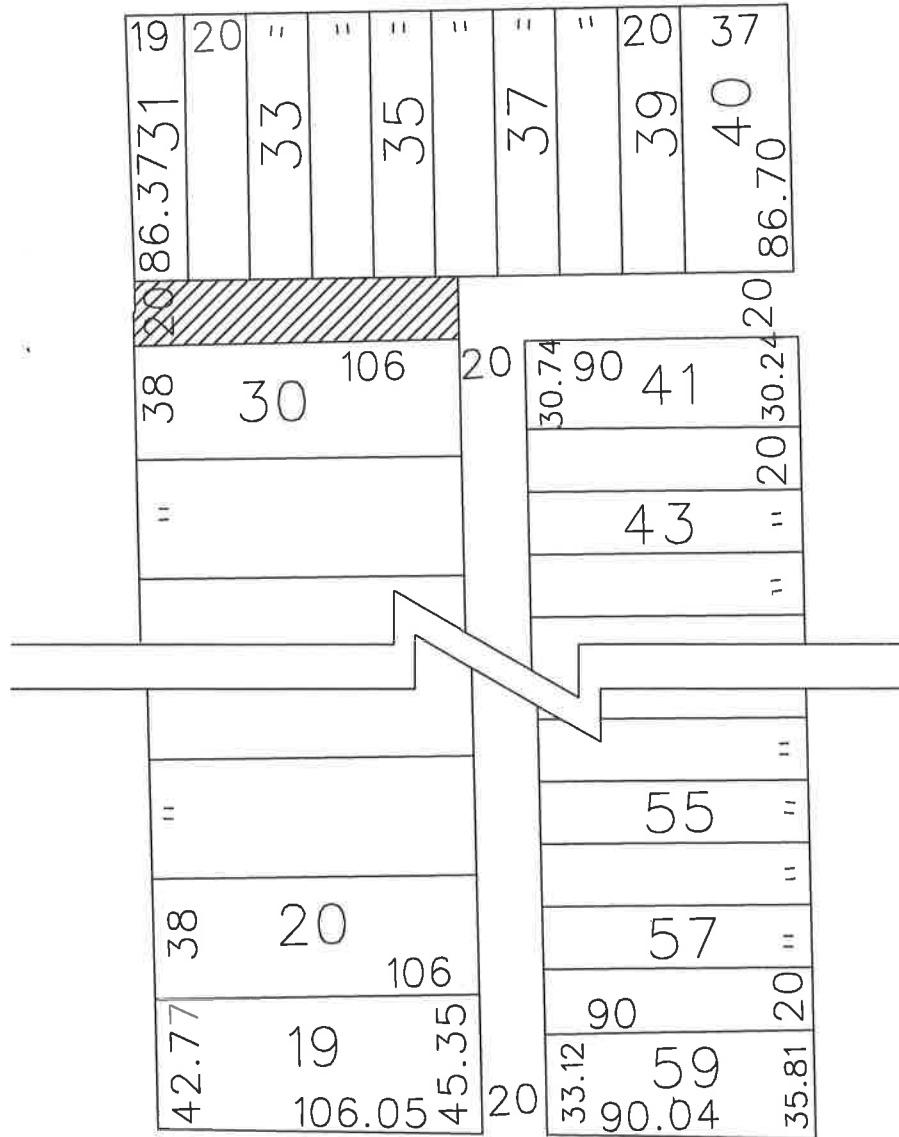
Provided, that the City Clerk shall within 30 days record a certified copy of this resolution with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

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 PHONE NO. 313 640 6400



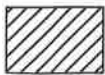
W. SEVEN MILE ROAD 100 FT. WD.

WASHBURN AVE 60 FT. WD.



WYOMING AVE 86 FT. WD.

CLARITA AVE. 50 FT. WD.



- REQUESTED CONVERSION TO EASEMENT

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

CARTO 89 C

**REQUEST TO CONVERT TO EASEMENT
 A PORTION OF THE EAST/WEST
 PUBLIC ALLEY, 20 FT. WD.
 IN THE BLOCK BOUND BY
 WYOMING, CLARITA, WASHBURN
 AND WEST SEVEN MILE ROAD**

**CITY OF DETROIT
 CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
 SURVEY BUREAU**

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