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Honorable City Council:

RE: Petition No. 1773 – The Department of Public Works – City Engineering Division requests the temporary closure of Woodward Avenue, from Jefferson Avenue to Larned Street for a period of five years.

Petition No. 1773 - The Department of Public Works – City Engineering Division requests the temporary closure of Woodward Avenue, 190 feet wide, from Jefferson Avenue, 210 feet wide to Larned Street, 60 feet wide for a period of five years.

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

The reason for the request is to maintain “Spirit of Detroit Plaza” as a vibrant new public space located in front of the Spirit of Detroit statue. The 20,000 square-foot civic square on Woodward, between Larned and Jefferson, exists to celebrate Detroit’s diversity and complement recent enhancements to Woodward Avenue, such as the new esplanade between Larned and Campus Martius.

During the initial trial period, the civic space, as well as adjacent streets in the immediate area, have been closely monitored to evaluate the overall impact. Similar public spaces have been created in many cities around the world to improve walkability, increase access to public space, and create new business development without negatively impacting area traffic flow.

Provisions protecting all utility installations in the right-of-way including Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Great Lakes Water Authority, Public Lighting Department and Public Lighting Authority have been made a part of the attached resolution.

I am recommending the adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Brundidge, Director – DPW
Department of Public Works

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

BY COUNCIL MEMBER _____

WHEREAS, the trial period for the new “Spirit of Detroit Plaza” has enhanced the downtown area with a new public space, and has not been detrimental to traffic flow in the area, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, The City Engineering Division – DPW is hereby authorized and directed to close Woodward Avenue, 190 feet wide, from Jefferson Avenue, 210 feet wide to Larned Street, 60 feet wide for a period of five years and being more particularly described as: Woodward Avenue, 190 feet wide, lying westerly of and adjoining the westerly line of Lots 1, 63, and 64 “Plan of Section numbered one in the City of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan confirmed by the Governor and Judges on the 27th day of April, 1807 and ordered to be a record and to be signed by the Governor and attested by the Secretary of the Board. Attest: Peter Audrain, Sec’y.” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 550 of Deeds, Wayne County Records; also lying easterly of and adjoining the easterly line of the west 30 feet of Lot 2 and the west 30 feet of Lots 63 and the west 30 feet of Lot 64 and the vacated alley adjoining said parts of Lots 2 and 64 “Plat of Section numbered two in the City of Detroit in the Territory of Michigan confirmed unanimously by the Governor and Judges on the 27th day of April, 1807 and ordered to be a record and to be signed by the Governor and attested by the Secretary of the Board. Attest: Peter Audrain, Sec’y.” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 549 of Deeds, Wayne County Records; on a temporary basis (for a period of Five (5) years) to expire on November 1, 2022;

PROVIDED, that no buildings or other structures of any nature whatsoever shall be constructed on or over the public right-of-way. The City of Detroit retains all rights and interests in the temporarily closed public right-of-way. The City and all utility companies retain their rights to service, inspect, maintain, repair, install, remove or replace utilities in the temporarily closed public right-of-way. Further, a specific condition is imposed to ensure unimpeded 24-hour-per-day access to the City and utility companies; and

PROVIDED, that if there is still a need for access from any of the abutting property owners to said temporary closed street, access shall and must be maintained for those properties; and

PROVIDED, that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) forces shall have free and easy access to the water main and sewer facilities at all times to permit proper operation, maintenance and if required, alteration or repair of the water main and/or sewer facilities. Free and easy access shall mean that no structures or storage of materials will be allowed upon the temporarily closed street to hinder the movement of maintenance equipment; and further

PROVIDED, that where a fence is placed across the temporarily closed portion of a street then a gate must be installed to permit access for DWSD forces. The gate shall remain unlocked 24 hours a day, unless a guard is stationed near the gate to allow DWSD ingress and egress at any time to and from the temporarily closed street. The minimum dimensions

of the gate or gates shall provide 15 feet vertical and 13 foot horizontal clearances for freedom of DWSD equipment movement; and further

PROVIDED, that should the water main and/or sewer facilities be broken or damaged as a result of any action on the part of the petitioner or assigns, then in such event the petitioner or assigns shall be liable for all costs incident to the repair of such broken or damaged water main and appurtenances, and the petitioner waives all claims for damages, and further

PROVIDED, that at the expiration of the permit, all obstructions shall be removed at the City's expense. The public property shall be restored to a condition satisfactory to the City Engineering Division – DPW; and

PROVIDED, that this resolution is revocable at the will, whim or caprice of the Detroit City Council without cause. The petitioner waives the right to claim damages or compensation for removal of encroachments. Further, the permittee acquires no implied or other privileges hereunder not expressly stated herein. If this permit is continued for the five (5) year period, the City Council may (upon written request and if the circumstances justify accordingly) grant an extension thereto; and

PROVIDED, that this permit shall not be assigned or transferred without the written approval of the Detroit City Council; 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.

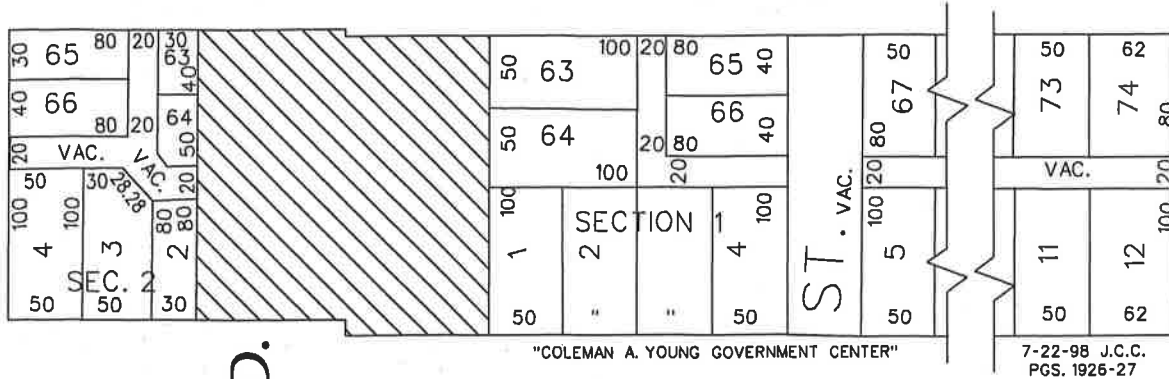
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GRISWOLD ST. 90 FT. WD.

LARNED ST. 60 FT. WD.

RANDOLPH ST. 120 FT. WD.



"COLEMAN A. YOUNG GOVERNMENT CENTER"

7-22-98 J.C.C.
 PGS. 1926-27

JEFFERSON AVE. 210 FT. WD.

WOODWARD AVE. 190 FT. WD.



- RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE

(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

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B						TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE A PORTION OF WOODWARD AVE. 190 FT. WD. IN THE AREA BOUND BY GRISWOLD, LARNED, RANDOLPH ST. AND JEFFERSON AVE.	CITY OF DETROIT CITY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SURVEY BUREAU	
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