February 14th, 2023

Honorable City Council:

**RE: Petition No. 2023-060 – Detroit Housing Commission request to vacate to utility easement the public alley bounded by Pallister Avenue, Rosa Parks Blvd, Churchill Avenue, and Bethune Avenue.**

Petition No. 2023–060 Detroit Housing Commission request to vacate to utility easement the public alley bounded by Pallister Avenue, 70 ft. wide, Rosa Parks Blvd, Churchill Avenue, 60 ft. wide, and Bethune Avenue 60 ft. wide.

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 a consolidation of property by the adjacent owner.

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

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Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director, DPW

Mayor’s Office – City Council Liaison

BY COUNCIL MEMBER\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLVED,** the public alley, 14 ft. wide, bounded by Pallister Avenue, 70 ft. wide, Rosa Parks Blvd, Churchill Avenue, 60 ft. wide, and Bethune Avenue 60 ft. wide., further described as land in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan being: the public alley, 14 ft. wide, lying west of the east 50 ft. of the west 174 ft. of Section 55, lying east of Rosa Parks Blvd between Pallister Avenue and Bethune Street; and lying east of the west 110 ft. of the west 174 ft. of Section 55, lying east of Rosa Parks Blvd between Pallister Avenue and Bethune Street. The above-described public alley was dedicated to public use by the Detroit City Council on Sept. 28th, 1915 (JCC page 1656).

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.