May 25th, 2023

Honorable City Council:

RE: Petition No. x2023-202 –Friends of Merit, LLC request for the Outright Vacation of various segments of streets and alleys within the block bounded by Grand River Avenue, Burnette Street, and the Jeffries Freeway.

Petition No. x2023-202 –Friends of Merit, LLC request for the Outright Vacation of various segments of streets and alleys within the block bounded by Grand River Avenue, 100 ft. wide, Burnette Street, 60 ft. wide, and the Jeffries Freeway.

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 plans to consolidate parcels in preparation of a new development.

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

Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director, DPW

 Mayor’s Office – City Council Liaison

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

**RESOLVED,** Various streets and alleys within the block bounded by Grand River Avenue, Burnette Street, and the Jeffries Freeway; further described as land in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan being:

1. Prairie Avenue, 60 ft. wide, vacated with reserve of utility easement per City Council resolution on June 18, 2019 (JCC page 1465) lying easterly of and adjacent to lot 7 and lying westerly of and adjacent to lots 5 and 6 of “Gilbert Subdivision” as recorded in Liber 31, Page 10 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
2. Public alley, 18 ft. wide, lying northerly of and adjacent to lot 9 and lying southerly of and adjacent to lots 2 through 8 of “Hutton & Nall’s Grand River Park Subdivision” as recorded in Liber 30, Page 86 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
3. Public alley, 8 ft. wide, lying westerly of and adjacent to lot 9 of “Hutton & Nall’s Grand River Park Subdivision” as recorded in Liber 30, Page 86 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
4. Public alley, 9 ft. wide, lying easterly of and adjacent to lots 224 and 225 of “Gilbert Subdivision” as recorded in Liber 31, Page 10 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

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.