February 23rd, 2024

Honorable City Council:

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

The request is being made as part of a project to install wayfinding signs in various parts of the City of Detroit that assist pedestrians in locating community assets and attractions.

All proposed locations are subject to a review by the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division for permitting and encroachment.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works, City Engineering Division is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits to Downtown Detroit Partnership or their assigns to install and maintain encroachment for digital interactive kiosks installed within proximity of the following locations:

1. (WA 1-1) The east side of Woodward Avenue, south of East Congress Street, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 500 Woodward Avenue; further described as being westerly of lot 58 of the “Plat of Section 1 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 9, Page 424 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
2. (WA 1-2) The west side of Woodward Avenue, north of East Congress Street, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 611 Woodward Avenue; further described as being westerly of lot 57 of the “Plat of Section 2 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 549 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
3. (WA 2-1) The median of Woodward Avenue, south of Campus Martius, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 660 Woodward Avenue; further described as being westerly of lot 53 of the “Plat of Section 1 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 9, Page 424 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
4. (WA 3-1) The median of Monroe Street, northeast of Campus Martius, lying northerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 32 Monroe Street; further described as being northerly of lot 3 of the “Plat of Lots 45 & 46 of Section 6 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 1, Page 68 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
5. (WA 4-1) The east side of Woodward Avenue, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1000 Woodward Avenue; further described as being westerly lot 43 of the “Plat of Section 7 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 544 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
6. (WA 5-1) The west side of Woodward Avenue, north of State Street, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1201 Woodward Avenue; further described as being easterly of lot 39 of the “Plat of Section 8 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 543 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
7. (WA 7-1) The east side of Woodward Avenue, south of Witherell Street, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 10 Witherell Street; further described as being easterly of lot 22 of the “Plat of Section 7 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 544 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
8. (WA 8-2) The west side of Woodward Avenue, south of West Adams Avenue, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1883 Woodward Avenue; also known as Grand Circus Park.
9. (MA 1-1) The north side of Michigan Avenue, west of Woodward Avenue, lying southerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1001 Woodward Avenue; further described as being southerly of lot 45 of the “Plat of Section 8 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 543 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
10. (MA 2-1) The west side of Griswold Street, north of Michigan Avenue, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1117 Griswold Street; further described as being easterly of lot 1 of the “Subdivision of lot 49, Section 8, Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 163, Page 120 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
11. (MA 3-1) The median of Washington Blvd, north of Michigan Avenue, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1200 Washington Blvd; further described as being westerly of lot 5 of the “Plat of Section 8 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 543 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
12. (MA 3-2) The median of Washington Blvd, south of Michigan Avenue, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1135 Shelby Street; further described as being westerly of lot 4 of the “Plat of Section 8 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 543 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
13. (GA 1-1) The east side of Woodward Avenue, south of Gratiot Avenue, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1000 Woodward Avenue; further described as being westerly of lot 40 of the “Plat of Section 7 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 544 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
14. (GA 2-1) The south side of Gratiot Avenue, east of Randolph Street, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1300 Randolph Street; further described as being westerly of lot 9 of the “Block 9 of Brush Farm” as recorded in Liber 7, Page 224-5 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
15. (JA 1-1) The west side of Washington Blvd, north of East Jefferson Avenue, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1 Washington Blvd; further described as being easterly of lot 19 of the “Plan of the Military Tract” as recorded in Liber 5, Page 311 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
16. (JA 1-2) The south side of East Jefferson Avenue, east of Washington Blvd, lying northerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 5 Washington Blvd; further described as being northerly of lot 1 of the “Subdivision of Hendrie Claim” as recorded in Liber 26, Page 233 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
17. (FS 1-1) The west side of Woodward Avenue, north of West Fort Street, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 777 Woodward Avenue; further described as being easterly of lot 16 of the “Plat of Section 1 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 9, Page 424 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
18. (WGR 3-1) The east side of Washington Blvd, south of Grand River Avenue, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1258 Washington Blvd; further described as being westerly of lot 10 of the “Plat of Section 8 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 543 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
19. (WGR 4-1) The east side of Woodward Avenue, north of Grand River Avenue, lying northerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1208 Woodward Avenue; further described as being northerly of lot 33 of the “Plat of Section 8 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 544 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
20. (CS 1-1) The east side of Woodward Avenue, south of Cadillac Square, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 660 Woodward Avenue; further described as being westerly of lot 53 of the “Plat of Section 1 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 9, Page 424 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
21. (CS 2-1) The median of Cadillac Square, west of Bates Street, lying northerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 100 Cadillac Square; further described as being northerly of lot 47 of the “Plat of Section 9 of Governor and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 9, Page 424-5 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
22. (RS 2-1) The south side of East Congress Street, east of Randolph Street, lying northerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 460 Randolph Street; further described as being northerly of lot 5 of the “Subdivision of the PC known as the White Claim” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 393 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
23. (RS 3-1) The east side of Randolph Street, north of Monroe Street, lying westerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1200 Randolph Street; further described as being westerly of lot 11 of the “Block 8 of Brush Farm” as recorded in Liber 7, Page 224-5 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
24. (WC 1-1) The west side of Washington Blvd, south of West Congress Street, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1 Washington Blvd; further described as being easterly of lot 7 of the “Military Reserve Plat” as recorded in Liber 5, Page 218 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
25. (WB 1-1) The median of Washington Blvd, south of Park Avenue, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1501 Washington Blvd; further described as being easterly of lot 21 of “Section 10 of the Governor’s and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 553 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
26. (SA 1-1) The north side of Monroe Street, east of St. Antoine, lying southerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1200 St. Antoine; further described as being southerly of lot 4 of “A Beaubien Farm” as recorded in Liber 27, Page 197-9 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
27. (WA 6-1) The west side of Woodward Avenue, north of Grand River Avenue, lying easterly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 1403 Woodward Avenue; further described as being easterly of lot 32 of “Section 8 pf the Governor’s and Judges Plan” as recorded in Liber 34, Page 543 of Plats, Wayne County Records.
28. (AA 2-1) The north side of East Adams Avenue, west of Brush Street, lying southerly of and adjacent to the property commonly known as 2100 Woodward Avenue; further described as being southerly of lot 38 of the “Map of Houghton’s Sec. of the Brush Farm” as recorded in Liber 7, Page 174 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

PROVIDED, that the Department of Public Works: City Engineering Division reserves the right to modify the precise location of the sign installation provided that reasonable justification is provided, and the modified location is within close proximity of the location described in this resolution; and be it further

PROVIDED, that if there is any cost for the removing and/or rerouting of any utility facilities, it shall be done at the expense of the petitioner and/or property owner; and be it further

PROVIDED, that access is maintained to all fire department connections, and be it further

PROVIDED, that by approval of this petition the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) does not waive any of its rights to its facilities located in the right-of-way, and at all times, DWSD, its agents or employees, shall have the right to enter upon the right-of-way to maintain, repair, alter, service, inspect, or install its facilities. All costs incident to the damaging, dismantling, demolishing, removal and replacement of structures or other improvements herein permitted and incurred in gaining access to DWSD’s facilities for maintenance, repairing, alteration, servicing or inspection caused by the encroachment shall be borne by the petitioner. All costs associated with gaining access to DWSD’s facilities, which could normally be expected had the petitioner not encroached into the right-of-way, shall be borne by DWSD; and be it further

PROVIDED, that all construction performed under this petition shall not be commenced until after (5) days written notice to DWSD. Seventy-two (72) hours’ notice shall also be provided in accordance with P.A. 53 1974, as amended, utilizing the MISS DIG one call system; and be it further

PROVIDED, that construction under this petition is subject to inspection and approval by DWSD forces. The cost of such inspection shall, at the discretion of DWSD, be borne by the petitioner; and be it further

PROVIDED, that if DWSD facilities located within the right-of-way shall break or be damaged as the result of any action on the part of the petitioner, then in such event the petitioner agrees to be liable for all costs incident to the repair, replacement or relocation of such broken or damaged DWSD facilities; and be it further

PROVIDED, that the petitioner shall hold DWSD harmless for any damages to the encroachment constructed or installed under this petition which may be caused by the failure of DWSD’s facilities; and be it further

PROVIDED, that the necessary permits shall be obtained from the City Engineering Division – DPW and the Buildings and Safety Engineering Department. The encroachments shall be constructed and maintained under their rules and regulations; and further

PROVIDED, that all cost for the construction, maintenance, permits and use of the encroachments shall be borne by Downtown Detroit Partnership or their assigns, and further

PROVIDED, that the Downtown Detroit Partnership or their assigns provide as-built drawings of their installation and the relationship to other utility infrastructure to the Department of Public Works – City Engineering Division, and further

PROVIDED, that all costs incurred by privately owned utility companies and/or city departments to alter, adjust, and/or relocate their existing utility facilities located in close proximity to the encroachments shall be borne by Downtown Detroit Partnership or their assigns. Should damages to utilities occur Downtown Detroit Partnership or their assigns shall be liable for all incidental repair costs and waives all claims for damages to the encroaching installations; and further

PROVIDED, that no other rights in the public streets, alleys or other public place shall be considered waived by this permission which is granted expressly on the condition that said encroachments shall be removed at any time when so directed by the City Council, and the public property affected shall be restored to a condition satisfactory to the City Engineering Division – DPW; and further

PROVIDED, that Downtown Detroit Partnership or their assigns shall file with the Department of Public Works – City Engineering Division an indemnity agreement in form approved by the Law Department. The agreement shall save and protect the City of Detroit from any and all claims, damages or expenses that may arise by reason of the issuance of the permits and the faithful or unfaithful performance of Downtown Detroit Partnership or their assigns of the terms thereof. Further, Downtown Detroit Partnership or their assigns shall agree to pay all claims, damages or expenses that may arise out of the use, repair and maintenance of the proposed encroachments; and further

PROVIDED, that filing of said indemnity agreement shall be construed as acceptance of this Resolution by the “permitee”; and further

PROVIDED, that all cost for the construction, maintenance, permits and use of the encroachments shall be borne by Downtown Detroit Partnership, or their assigns; and further

PROVIDED, that construction of the encroachments shall constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions as set forth in this resolution; and be it further

PROVIDED, this resolution or part thereof is revocable at the will, whim or caprice of the City Council, and Downtown Detroit Partnership acquires no implied or other privileges hereunder not expressly stated herein; and further

PROVIDED, that the encroachment permits shall not be assigned or transferred without the written approval of the City Council; and be it further

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