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Honorable City Council:

RE: Petition No. x2026-118 – Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority, request for encroachment within the northerly part of Civic Center Dr. adjacent to the parcel commonly known as 1 Washington Blvd., for an elevated pedestrian crossing.

Petition No. x2026-118 – Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority, request for encroachment within the northerly part of Civic Center Dr., various widths, adjacent to the parcel commonly known as 1 Washington Blvd., for an elevated pedestrian crossing

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

The request was approved by the Solid Waste Division – DPW, and City Engineering Division – DPW. Traffic Engineering Division

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) reports being involved, but they have no objection provided the DWSD encroachment provisions are followed. The DWSD provisions have been made a part of the resolution.

All other involved City Departments, including the Public Lighting Authority and Public Lighting Department; also privately owned utility companies have reported no objections to the encroachment. Provisions protecting all 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

COUNCIL MEMBER _____

RESOLVED, that the Department of Public Works, City Engineering Division is hereby authorized and directed to issue permits to Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority or their assigns to install and maintain an encroachment within Civic Center Dr., further described as: Land in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan;

Elevated pedestrian crossing, measuring 361.4'x 15.5'x 45.0'. Lying easterly of and adjacent to the formerly vacated 2nd St., 60 ft. wide (JCC pg. 34, 01/14/1958), lying within the formerly vacated 1st St., 60 ft. wide (JCC pg. 34 01/14/1958), and lying southerly of and adjacent to lots 1 through 4 of "Map of the Front of the Cass Farm" as recorded in Liber 9, Page 409 and the "Map of Western Addition Sub" as recorded in Liber 7 Page 164" of Plats, Wayne County Records. Said elevated pedestrian crossing shall encroach from 15.5' to 56.0' into the northerly part of Civic Center Dr. and range from 20.0' to 65.0' above grade.

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee, is authorized to execute any document or documents necessary or convenient to make and incorporate technical amendments, corrections, or other minor changes to any document or documents necessary or convenient in furtherance of or to effectuate the action or transaction hereby approved, including the legal description of any property described herein, in the event there are any scrivener's errors, mistakes of fact, or changes in circumstances, or as may be required to correct minor inaccuracies, or are necessitated by unforeseen circumstances or technical matters, provided that the changes do not materially alter the substance or terms of the action or transaction hereby approved;"

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 encroaching device constructed or installed under this petition which may be caused by the failure of DWSD's facilities; and be it further

PROVIDED, Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority or their assigns shall apply to the Buildings and Safety Engineering Department for a building permit prior to any construction. Also, if it becomes necessary to open cut public streets, bore, jack, occupy or barricade city rights-of-way for maintenance of encroachments such work shall be according to detail permit application drawings submitted to the City Engineering Division – DPW prior to any public right-of-way construction; and 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 Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority or their assigns, 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 Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority or their assigns. Should damages to utilities occur Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority 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 Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority 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 Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority or

their assigns of the terms thereof. Further, Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority 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 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 is revocable at the will, whim or caprice of the City Council, and Detroit Regional Convention Facility Authority 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.

MAP-25-106

FRONT ST. (FORMER)

1 WASHINGTON BLVD
(HUNTINGTON PLACE)

2ND ST.
60 FT. WD.
VACATED
01/14/1958
JCC PG 34

1ST ST.
60 FT. WD.
VACATED
01/14/1958
JCC PG 34

ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
- 361.4' X 15.5' X 45.0'
(20.0' TO 65.0' ABOVE GRADE)

STEVE YZERMAN DR. WIDTH VARIES
(AKA CIVIC CENTER DR.)

DETROIT RIVERWALK

(NEW) U.S. HARBOR LINE
DETROIT RIVER

- REQUEST ENCROACHMENT
(FOR ELEVATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING)



(FOR OFFICE USE ONLY)

CARTO 28 E

REQUEST ENCROACHMENT
INTO STEVE YZERMAN DR.
(AKA CIVIC CENTER DR.)
AT 1 WASHINGTON BLVD.

CITY OF DETROIT
CITY ENGINEERING DIVISION
MAPS & RECORDS BUREAU

JOB NO. 25-106

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