

"If any tax upon any lot or parcel of land shall be twice paid, the City Treasurer may, with the approval of the Common Council and the Controller, refund one of said payments to the party entitled thereto."

The approval of the City Controller will be obtained upon the refund affidavits before payment is made.

Respectfully submitted, ALBERT E. COBO, City Treasurer.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to make refunds of excess payments of taxes in accordance with the foregoing communication.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Lodge, Smith, Sweeny, Van Antwerp and the President Pro Tem.—9.

Nays—None.

From the City Treasurer

February 25, 1941.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I am herewith submitting to your Honorable Body a report known as exhibit "B" of the sale of 1939 general City taxes and prior City Bids, as provided for in your resolution of July 23, 1940. This report covers the period from November 1, 1940, through to January 31, 1941, inclusive, and shows a total of 7,631 parcels, amounting to \$1,331,984.15. This, together with exhibit "A" previously reported, shows a grand total of 16,358 parcels, amounting to \$2,659,354.13.

The description of the property is given, the year, the amount purchased for and the name and address of the purchaser.

Similar reports will be issued to your Honorable Body from time to time until the sale is completed.

Yours very respectfully, ALBERT E. COBO, City Treasurer.

Received and placed on file.

From the Board of Water Commissioners

February 25, 1941.

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—On January 6 of this year, a contract was entered into between this Board and the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms covering sewage treatment and disposal. Section 8 of this contract provided for the furnishing of a bond to secure payment of charges, by Grosse Pointe Farms.

This Village now asks that it be relieved of the necessity for furnishing bond, and as Grosse Pointe Farms

has been very prompt in meeting its obligations, and in the case of the sewage charges has paid these promptly even before the amount was drawn up, our Board on February 24 agreed to waive the bond provided if this meets with your approval.

May we have the approval of your Honorable Body on waiving Section 8 of the contract for sewage service, which contract was approved by you on January 14.

Respectfully submitted, E. H. BAUER, Acting Secretary.

By Councilman Garlick:

Resolved, That the waiver of Section 8 of contract between the Board of Water Commissioners and the Village of Grosse Pointe Farms sewage disposal services, which provision provides for furnishing a bond to said Board, be and the same hereby approved.

Adopted as follows:

Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Lodge, Smith, Sweeny, Van Antwerp and the President Pro Tem.—9.

Nays—None.

From Department of Public Works

March 3, 1941

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—The Department of Public Works recently acquired through condemnation, property on Michigan Avenue from Eighteenth to Humboldt Streets.

We are advised by the Department of Public Works that that Department will soon demolish that portion of the structures which encroach on the recently acquired property and the widening of Michigan Avenue. This will leave standing the ends of five brick buildings on Humboldt Street, which the Board of Markets would like torn down to provide additional parking space for trucks.

Inasmuch as this Department has no method of demolition, will your Honorable Body instruct the Department of Public Works to demolish these buildings for this Department?

It is our understanding that the Department of Public Works will be glad to salvage materials as required for their work.

Very truly yours, MAX R. BARTON, Secretary.

Approved: F. M. McLAURY, Deputy Controller.

By Councilman Van Antwerp: Resolved, That the Department of Public Works be and it is authorized and directed to demolish the buildings on Michigan Avenue between 18th St. and Humboldt

in accordance with the foregoing communication.

Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, Garlick, Hamilton, Lodge, Sweeny, Van Antwerp and the President Pro Tem.—9.

Department of Public Welfare February 17, 1941

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—Under the Wayne County Welfare Relief Commission set up in this department for cases on which we felt there was possibility of securing refunds for future services rendered, particularly here to those who received care in private homes and such care having been provided by the County of Wayne County Temporary Relief funds. Applications on these Accounts Receivable came into this department and were refunded back to the County of Wayne as the expenditure had been made by the County of Wayne the first instance.

A number of such accounts are still outstanding in this department and it is desired to charge these off our books and to make all of the necessary entries pertaining to them available to the County of Wayne to dispose of as they see fit.

This action is being taken because the City of Detroit has no interest in the proceeds of Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable were taken for some cases in Eloise and in some cases, the City of Detroit has no interest in these Accounts Receivable.

Under the circumstances outlined above, we recommend that the action referred to above, supported by the lists attached hereto, be approved of our records and the data available to the County of Wayne.

This matter has been discussed with the Controller's office and the procedure as recommended is their approval, as attested by the communication attached.

Very truly yours, Mr. F. M. McLaury, Deputy City of Detroit.

Respectfully submitted, MAX R. BARTON, Secretary. G. R. HARRIS, General Superintendent. To Auditor General and Council.

From the Clerk: Presented such portion of the minutes of the last regular meeting as is required by the charter.

to be so presented, to His Honor the Mayor for approval, on the 26th and 28th ult. and that they were approved on the 26th ult. and 4th inst. except a resolution relating to the purchase of Eureka fire hose, which was not approved.

Also an Ordinance changing the name of Spence Ave. to Charleston Ave., which was submitted on the 28th ult. and approved on the 4th inst.

Also that he has been served with Declaration and Notice to Plead issued out of the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, Michigan, in a cause wherein Sara H. Fields is plaintiff and the City of Detroit is defendant, and that he has referred same to the Corporation Counsel. Placed on file.

From the Clerk

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I wish to advise your Honorable Body that grade separation waiver of the Mechanical Handling Systems, Inc., has been filed in my office pursuant to resolution adopted October 29, 1940. Same having been approved by the Corporation Counsel, resolution approving said waiver is attached.

Respectfully submitted, THOMAS D. LEADBETTER, City Clerk.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That grade separation waiver of Mechanical Handling Systems, Inc., filed pursuant to resolution adopted October 29, 1940, vacating Justine Ave. north of Nancy Ave., be and the same is hereby accepted and approved.

Adopted as follows: Yeas—Councilmen Dingeman, Ewald, Garlick, Hamilton, Lodge, Smith, Sweeny, Van Antwerp and the President Pro Tem.—9.

From the Clerk

To the Honorable, the Common Council:

Gentlemen—I wish to advise your Honorable Body that warranty deed of the Warren Park Land Co. to the City of Detroit covering property to be used for alley purposes has been filed in my office. Same having been approved by the Corporation Counsel, resolution accepting said deed is attached.

Respectfully submitted, THOMAS D. LEADBETTER, City Clerk.

By Councilman Van Antwerp:

Resolved, That warranty deed of Samuel J. Besner, Trustee for the stockholders of the Warren Park Land Co., to the City of Detroit covering property dedicated for alley