August 23, 2010

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 090767

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 090767, being a resolution to grant a special privilege to Wired Ventures Brady LLC to construct and maintain a barrier free access ramp and two sets of steps in the public right-of-way for the premises at 928-32 East Brady Street.

The applicant is requesting permission to construct a portion of a barrier free access ramp in the public right-of-way. The ramp and handrails project 3 feet 7 inches into the west, variable width sidewalk area of North Astor Street at a point approximately 23 feet north of the northline of East Brady Street. It should be noted that the ramp and handrails do not project into the paved public sidewalk.

A site visit revealed the presence of two sets of steps within the north, 13-foot wide sidewalk area of East Brady Street. The east set of steps is centered approximately 57 feet west of North Astor Street, measures 8 feet long and projects 2 feet 6 inches into the public way. The west set of steps is centered approximately 67 feet west of North Astor Street, measures 4 feet 5 inches long and projects 3 feet 4 inches into the public way. It appears that these sets of steps have been present in the public right-of-way for a number of years.

We are not aware that the presence of said items will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow said items to project into the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E. City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes Commissioner of Public Works

Art Dahlberg, Commissioner Department of Neighborhood Services

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