

January 13, 2004

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 031091

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 031091, being a petition for a special privilege submitted by David Zazove, agent for Water Street Development Corporation, to construct a retaining wall and a sloped sidewalk located within the public right-of-way on the north side of East Pittsburgh Avenue adjacent to the property known as 210 South Water Street.

The proposal is to construct and maintain a retaining wall and a sloped sidewalk leading down to a new riverwalk on the west bank of the Milwaukee River along 210 South Water Street. The ramp would provide barrier-free access at this end of the block to/from the riverwalk in this block. The retaining wall is to be constructed of concrete, be 1 foot wide and approximately 1'-6" high on the Pittsburgh sidewalk side and have a 2-foot high metal railing on top of it and be supported by a grade beam with piles below grade. The concrete paved sloped sidewalk is to be between the building and the retaining wall. Approximately 10 feet of fully concrete paved sidewalk between the retaining wall and the street curb will be available for through pedestrians. A new curb and sidewalk needs to be created for the wall and ramp. They will do this work. We understand that the Department of City Development has committed money only for the riverwalk.

It does not appear that the encroachment of the retaining wall with railing or sloped sidewalk into the public right-of-way of East Pittsburgh Avenue will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public right-of-way when all of the work is completed. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow these items to encroach into the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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City Engineer

Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

Martin G. Collins
Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood Services

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Attachment

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