

May 2, 2005

To the Public Improvements Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 041559

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 041559, being a petition from Commerce Center, LLC for a special privilege to install and maintain three monitoring wells in the public rights-of-way of North Commerce Street and North Humboldt Avenue.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has deemed it necessary to conduct an environmental assessment for the property located at 2101 North Humboldt Avenue and surrounding area to determine contaminant migration patterns in the groundwater. Two monitoring wells are located in the south, 16-foot wide sidewalk area of North Commerce Street approximately 135 and 205 feet east of the eastline of North Weil Street and 12 and 8 feet north of the southline of North Commerce Street, respectively. These two monitoring wells are flush with the surrounding grade. The final monitoring well is located approximately 5 feet north of the northline of North Commerce Street and 30 feet west of the centerline of the 100-foot wide right-of-way of North Humboldt Avenue. The top of this monitoring well, painted red for visibility, stands approximately 3 feet above the surrounding grade.

We are not aware nor do we believe that the presence of said monitoring wells have had or will have an adverse effect on the general use of the public rights-of-way. We have, therefore, prepared the attached special privilege resolution, which, if adopted, will allow said monitoring wells to occupy the public rights-of-way.

Very truly yours,

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