

September 18, 2008

To the Public Works Committee

Subject: Common Council Resolution File Number 080290

Dear Honorable Members:

Returned herewith is Common Council Resolution File Number 080290, which grants a special privilege to Rider Hotel LLC for a retaining wall, gas meter with appurtenant piping, excess door swing and dumpsters to encroach into the public right-of-way for the premises at 500 West Florida Street.

Rider Hotel LLC has undertaken the conversion of the building at 500 West Florida Street into a new hotel. For hotel operations, the applicant is requesting permission to install, use and maintain three dumpsters in the public right-of-way of South 5th Street north of West Florida Street. It should be noted that South 5th Street extends north from West Florida Street approximately 100 feet where it dead ends at a railroad. It should also be noted that there are no public sidewalks or concrete curb and gutter along this portion of South 5th Street.

A site visit revealed the presence of a retaining wall with railing; gas meter with appurtenant piping; and an excess door swing in the public right-of-way of South 5th Street. The 1-foot thick concrete retaining wall projects east from the westline of South 5th Street 22 feet 8 inches where it turns north and extends another 6 feet. The retaining wall is between 3 and 5 feet tall, is centered approximately 55 feet north of the northline of West Florida Street, and is topped with a 3-foot 6-inch tall railing. A gas meter with appurtenant piping is located along the north side of the retaining wall. This gas meter and piping project east from the westline of South 5th Street 16 feet 8 inches and measure 1 foot 8 inches in width. Also located to the north of the retaining wall is a door swing that projects 3 feet into South 5th Street, in excess of the 12 inches allowed under Section 245-4-8 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances.

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 occupy the public right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey S. Polenske, P.E.
City Engineer

Jeffrey J. Mantes
Commissioner of Public Works

Martin G. Collins, Commissioner
Department of Neighborhood Services

MDL: ns
Attachment.
c: Alderman James Witkowiak