

December 11, 2001

To the Honorable Common Council
Public Improvements Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 001257, being a substitute resolution to vacate the east-west alley in the block bounded by West Wisconsin Avenue, West Michigan Avenue, North Plankinton Avenue and North 2nd Street, in the 4th Aldermanic District. This vacation was requested by the City of Milwaukee, Department of City Development to support the Downtown Retail Center Redevelopment Project to consolidate land for future sale of the City owned parking structure.

The City Engineer has reviewed this request for a vacation and has stated no objection to this proposed vacation provided that the alley drainage is adequately addressed. Up on vacation, the entire alley will revert to back to the property to the south. The City currently has a sewer easement within the east half of that portion of the alley that was previously vacated. This sewer connects into the storm sewer in the present alley. If this sewer is still needed, there are 2 options to address this situation:

Option 1. A second sewer easement can be prepared between the City and the property owner to the south. The City will prepare the easement at a cost of \$600 to be deposited by the petitioner. The City will continue to own and maintain the sewer.

Option 2. The property owners impacted by the sewer can enter into an agreement among themselves whereby ownership and maintenance will be determined by the agreement. This agreement is to be forwarded to the City for review so that the City has a comfort level that no adverse drainage situation will be created. The salvage value of the sewer is \$7,122 and there is \$800 equity in 2 catch basins. The petitioner is to deposit this amount to the City.

Following is a summary of the costs:

1. Sewer easement	\$600	
or salvage value of sewer		\$ 7,122
equity in 2 catch basins		\$ 800
2. Alterations to alley lights	<u>\$1,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
TOTAL:	\$2,100	\$9,422

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The deposit has not yet been made. Since the proposed vacation is not in conflict with city plans, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on December 10, 2001 recommended approval of the attached substitute resolution conditioned on depositing the fees for either of the two options.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Penman
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

Attachment

cc: Ald. Henningsen