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Honorable City Council:

RE: Petition No. x2023-343 Detroit Athletic Club, request for the Vacation, with reserve of a public utility easement, of the easterly part of John R Street, between East Adams Avenue and Madison Avenue.

Petition No. x2023–343 Detroit Athletic Club, request for the Vacation, with reserve of a public utility easement, of the easterly part of John R Street, 60 ft. wide, between East Adams Avenue, 60 ft. wide, and Madison Avenue, 200 ft. wide.

The petition was referred to the City Engineering Division – DPW for investigation (utility review) and report. This is our report.

The request was approved by the Solid Waste Division – DPW, and Traffic Engineering Division – DPW, and City Engineering - DPW.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) has no objection provided certain provisions are met. The DWSD provisions are a part of the attached resolution.

DTE Energy objected to the proposed vacation. All other involved City Departments, and privately owned utility companies have reported no objections. Provisions protecting utility installations are part of the attached resolution.

I am recommending adoption of the attached resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Doherty, P.E., City Engineer City Engineering Division – DPW

Cc: Ron Brundidge, Director, DPW
Mayor's Office – City Council Liaison

RESOLVED, the easterly part of John R Street, 60 ft. wide, between East Adams Avenue, 60 ft. wide, and Madison Avenue, 200 ft. wide; further described as land in the City of Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan being:

The easterly 18 ft. of John R Street, 60 ft. wide, lying westerly of and adjacent to lots 15 and 66, also that part John R lying westerly of and adjacent to the vacated Cross Street, 60 ft. wide, vacated per City of Detroit City Council resolution on June 15th, 1965, and the alley vacated by City of Detroit City Council resolution on March 21st, 1989, 20 ft wide, lying between said vacated Cross Street and East Adams Avenue.

Also, the easterly 20 ft. of John R Street lying westerly of and adjacent to lots 68 and 28 and the alley vacated by City of Detroit City Council resolution on April 14th, 1913, lying between vacated Cross Street and Madison Street within the "Plat of Section 11 of the Governors and Judges Plan" as recorded in Liber 34, Page 544 of Plats, Wayne County Records.

Be and the same are hereby vacated (outright) as public rights-of-way, subject to the following provisions:

PROVIDED, that whereas the vacated part of the public alley described in this resolution is platted within the "Governor and Judges Plat", the City of Detroit Planning and Development Department is hereby authorized to deed the vacated portion of the described right of way to the petitioner, or their assigns, and further

PROVIDED, that petitioner/property owner make satisfactory arrangements with any and all utility companies for cost and arrangements for the removing and/or relocating of the utility companies and city departments services, and further

PROVIDED, that the petitioner/property owner acknowledge that DWSD relinquishes all responsibility for underground sewers, if any, and further

PROVIDED, that the petitioner/property owner bear the entire cost of any modification to the sewer, in any, including costs related to construction, demolition, permitting, inspection, and survey, and further

PROVIDED, that any construction in the public rights-of-way such as curbs and sidewalks shall be done under city permit and inspection according to City Engineering Division – DPW specifications with all costs borne by the abutting owner(s), their heir or assigns; and further

PROVIDED, That the City Clerk shall within 30 days record a certified copy of this resolution with the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

