

## City Plan Board Asked To Restudy Lot Zoning

The Birmingham Plan Board has asked to restudy the zoning of City-owned property at Lakeside and Midland.

Behind the move is a suggestion to sell a portion of the property, now zoned for public use. Requests to rezone it to R-1 single family residential have been rejected in the past.

Consisting of four full lots and a portion of another, the property is on the east side of Lakeside immediately north and south of the River Rouge.

Actually, the City wanted only 200 feet for flood plain use when it bought the property in 1956. But the owner refused to sell only a portion of it.

AN CITY Manager L. R. Gare pointed out, the City's purpose was to provide a flood plain along the Rouge and to redevelop part of the property for resale.

However, sale has been held up due mainly to objections from adjacent property owners who felt

that the land was needed to help protect against flooding.

No serious flooding has occurred in the area to date, city officials reported, even though there have been several severe storms.

REZONING of the property has been before the commission and plan board several times.

Latest action was in 1960, when the plan board recommended zoning on the basis that the area was needed for recreation and the commission ended in a tie vote.

Monday night, Commissioner William E. Roberts said he believes the plan board cannot "substantiate the stand it took."

But Commissioner William H. Burgum said he agreed with the plan board's thinking.

COMMISSIONER Robert Page suggested that the plan board "give a little more definite reason" for its recommendation.

The plan board today has a dif-

fering when the petition was last considered, and the city has a different city planner.

Roberts' motion to refer the matter again to the plan board, supported by Commissioner Charles Renfrew, was passed unanimously.

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## Head Alumni Group

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John J. Greene, president, Joseph L. Hardig, Jr., 1957 Distinguished vice president and Frederick J. Millburn, 5639 Westwood Court, treasurer. Greene is a former Detroit Lion and Michigan football star.

## Zoning, Parking Lot Changes Under Study

Amendments to Birmingham's zoning and parking lot ordinances are under consideration today.

City commissioners Monday night directed the city attorney to prepare resolutions for possible adoption at next week's meeting.

These amendments would clarify the provisions for screening in the zoning ordinance and for surface construction and drainage structures in the parking lot law.

SCREENING regulations were included in the draft of a proposed new parking lot ordinance, but the city attorney felt they could best be enforced if placed in the zoning ordinance.

The city plan board had sought to require some type of screening such as face brick to separate parking lots from adjoining property, but commissioners felt this restriction would prove too costly to property owners.

They decided Monday night that the wording should call for some kind of hard-surface screening, as opposed to vegetation.

ONE OF THE purposes of the proposed new stipulations is to place all parking lots in the city under stricter control of city laws.

Commissioners believe all of the lots should have a hard surface rather than a gravelled surface, but there was disagreement as to just what could be required that would be enforceable.

They finally agreed that both the present zoning and parking lot ordinances should be amended and the proposed new measure be abandoned.

They are expected to set a date for public hearing Monday after receipt of the resolutions from the legal counsel.

## Parking Lot Projects Delayed Til Next Year

Wait'll next year.

That was the thinking of an economy-minded Birmingham City Commission at its meeting Monday.

The commission decided to wait until budget time next year to consider improvements for Municipal Parking Lot No. 1 and the lot behind the municipal building.

City Manager L. R. Gare and City Engineer William T. Killen

## Armed Thugs Rob Birmingham Station

An attendant at the Hunter Standard Service, 347 S. Hunter, was robbed at gunpoint early Wednesday morning.

Cecil McCrary, 185 Vermont, Troy, the attendant, told police that two youths walked into the station at about 1 a.m. and asked "How's business?"

Before McCrary could reply one of the youths produced a nickel-plated revolver and demanded McCrary empty the cash register.

The two thugs, described as being between 18-20 years old, fled on foot with \$65 in cash.

outlined the proposed improvements in written reports to the commission Monday.

PLANS CALL for replacement of faulty concrete lampposts that in Parking Lot No. 1, which was constructed in 1956.

Cost was estimated at \$4,000 to \$9,100, depending on the number of strips replaced.

Plans for improving the city hall lot call for driveway openings to comply with city ordinance, better aisle width in the parking area in the court and an addition of five parking spaces.

Cost was estimated at \$6,300, without landscaping or tree removal.

COMMISSIONERS agreed that as long as no hazards to safety were involved, the projects could wait until next year.

They were not included in this year's capital improvement program.

## 3 Injured In 2 Traffic Accidents

Two traffic accidents in South Oakland resulted in serious injury to a Bloomfield Township man and minor injuries to two others Friday and Saturday.

Edward B. Sisson, 24, 120 Overhill, is listed in serious condition in William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. He suffered a skull fracture and multiple cuts.

Treated and discharged from Beaumont for whiplash injuries were Austin and Gretchen May Le Lachaur.

Sisson was injured in a car-truck collision on Maple Road in West Bloomfield Township early Saturday morning in front of the Knollwood Country Club.

Early R. Smith, 31, of Flint, was the driver of the truck. He was not hurt.

Sisson was going east on Maple and Smith west when the accident occurred, police said.

The Le Lachurs were injured when their car and another, driven by Carl J. Cutaj, collided. Le Lachaur and Cutaj, 16, 1931 Romeo, Ferndale, were traveling south on Romeo.

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