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City Parking Lot Standards Requested for Private Lots

By KEN WEAVER
 Managing Editor

Standards of construction set for Birmingham's municipal parking lots are reasonable for privately-operated lots, city commissioners decided Monday night.

"They sent back to the city attorney for rewording along these lines an amendment to the zoning ordinance to control screening in parking lots.

As originally drawn up, this amendment called for the use of face brick in screens to separate parking lots from other property. Some of the commissioners felt this was too stringent a requirement for private enterprise.

But Commissioners Robert Pace and William E. Roberts felt that it would be reasonable to at least require the use of solid wood or face brick or cement blocks, as the City has done with the municipal lots.

BECAUSE THE provision for screening would be in the zoning ordinance, it could not be retroactive to existing parking lots; it would affect only new ones.

"I suggest we set the standards for private lots the same as for our public lots," said Pace.

Opposing this view, Commissioner William H. Burgum said:

"I doubt that this commission has the right to set one type of wall an individual can build . . . This would

Area Residents Attend Hi-Twelve Annual Workshop

Among the 100 Hi-Twelveans attending the second annual High Twelve Workshop at Lansing this week-end were representatives from the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Birmingham residents included Harry M. Cooke, Frank B. Hardy, Ray E. Hughes, Ike W. Robertson, R. C. Scott, Roy L. Thurman and Henry G. Wagner.

Bloomfield representatives were Robert Lund, John Willingham and Donald Hogue.

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be getting into the field of esthetics.

"WE ARE getting away from vegetative screens—we have gone as far as it is in our province to go and be reasonable.

"It is possible to build a screen out of concrete blocks which will be pretty good. I think the provision is about as good as it can be."

But Pace argued that he wanted "something a little more attractive than concrete block."

He suggested setting requirements "in the future that will give us standards that are worthy of the community."

POINTING OUT that the City's goal was to require a solid wall for screening, City Manager L. R. Gare commented:

"I don't see how we can be so restrictive as to require face brick. I'm not so sure we can enforce this one."

Passing an "unreasonable" ordinance and considering it so at the time of adoption is "about the easiest way to make it unenforceable," said Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham.

"I think it is reasonable to expect the people to meet the standards as set up in the municipal lots," countered Roberts.

ROBERTS' MOTION to refer the ordinance to the attorney for redrawing "to comply with the present standards we have in our city parking lots" carried, 5-2.

Ingraham and Commissioner Ralph A. Main cast the "no" votes. They also voted "no" on Pace's motion to refer a provision in the open parking station ordinance to the attorney for redrawing.

Burgum argued that as long as they were setting "high standards" for the screening, the commissioners should be consistent and require a permanent type surface for parking lots.

"It is more important," he declared, "that the surface area be more permanent than that the wall be so fancy."

The provision had called for a "dustless" surface. The attorney

was instructed to reword it to provide for a permanent surface.

THE TWO ordinances are being considered for inclusion in the City's codification (simplified organization) of its law. For the next few weeks, the commission is expected to discuss several ordinances in this respect.

Monday night, commissioners voted unanimously to adopt an ordinance regulating downpours. They held off discussion on a law for operation of miniature golf courses.

However, a provision calling for such courses to be 300 feet from any residential area prompted this comment from Roberts:

"I don't think we're going to have any in town."

Ready for Work

Army Pfc Lance W. Lavis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Lavis, 322 Timberlake, Bloomfield Hills, completed the 16-week stenography course at the Adjutant General's School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., Sept. 5.

Special Hours For Registration Of B'ham Voters

In addition to its regular hours, the Birmingham city clerk's office will be open at the following hours to enable voters to register:

- 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 3, 4 and 5.
- 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 6.
- 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 8.

Deadline to register is 8 p.m. Oct. 9.

The Clerk's office is located on the first floor of the city hall, Phoebe and Martin. The office is adjacent to the Martin St. entrance.

REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1962

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the Michigan Election Law, the final date for registration in order to vote in the General Election is Monday, October 8, 1962, at 8:00 p.m.

TO VOTE AT THIS ELECTION, all persons must be registered.

Citizens of the United States, 21 years old, who have resided in the State of Michigan six months and in the City of Birmingham thirty days prior to November 6, 1962, are eligible to register.

TO REGISTER: Call in person at the office of the City Clerk in the Municipal Building on or before 8:00 p.m. Monday, October 8, 1962.

TO TRANSFER a registration from one address to another WITHIN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, send a signed request to the office of the City Clerk stating present address, former address, and date of moving to present address. Such transfer may be made any time up to and including Monday, October 8, 1962, at 8:00 p.m.

HOURS FOR REGISTRATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in addition to regular office hours, Monday through Friday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the office of the City Clerk will be open for the purpose of receiving registrations during the following hours:

Saturday	Sept. 29, 1962	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Oct. 3, 1962	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday	Oct. 4, 1962	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 5, 1962	6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	Oct. 6, 1962	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Monday	Oct. 8, 1962 LAST DAY	8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION with respect to voting regulations or registration regulations may be obtained by telephoning the office of the City Clerk, MIDWEST 4-1800.

IRENE E. HANLEY
 City Clerk

Interceptor Pact OK'd; Then Delayed

Birmingham city commissioners gave final approval to the Dequindre Interceptor agreement Monday night—then rescinded their action pending a report next week.

Commissioners at first accepted the recommendation of the city administration to approve the pact, which they had tentatively approved several weeks ago.

It was believed that questions the commissioners had had on the contract earlier had been answered to the best interests of the city in the final draft.

A MOTION BY Commissioner Charles Renfrew, supported by Commissioner Ralph A. Main, to grant final approval carried unanimously, with practically no discussion.

But later in the meeting, Renfrew raised a question on refunds and asked for reconsideration.

If the actual cost of construction of the interceptor—part of the Twelve Town Drain system—is less than the assessment, will the participating communities be guaranteed a refund, Renfrew asked.

Is there provision in the pact for enforcement of refunds, he wondered.

Commissioners held off their decision on the pact until next week, expecting these questions to be answered in a report from City Manager L. R. Gare and City Finance Director James H. Parkiss.

Senior Men See Original Skit

The Senior Men's Club met Friday in the Ranch Room of the Birmingham Community House.

An original skit was performed by Dorothy Reid and June Wisby. The script was written by the two women and their families.

The program for Friday of this week will include an exhibit of "Oldtime Farm Machinery," presented by Mr. Ernest of Pontiac and Mr. Baldwin of Birmingham. Baldwin will review the history of the machines with Ernest demonstrating their operation.

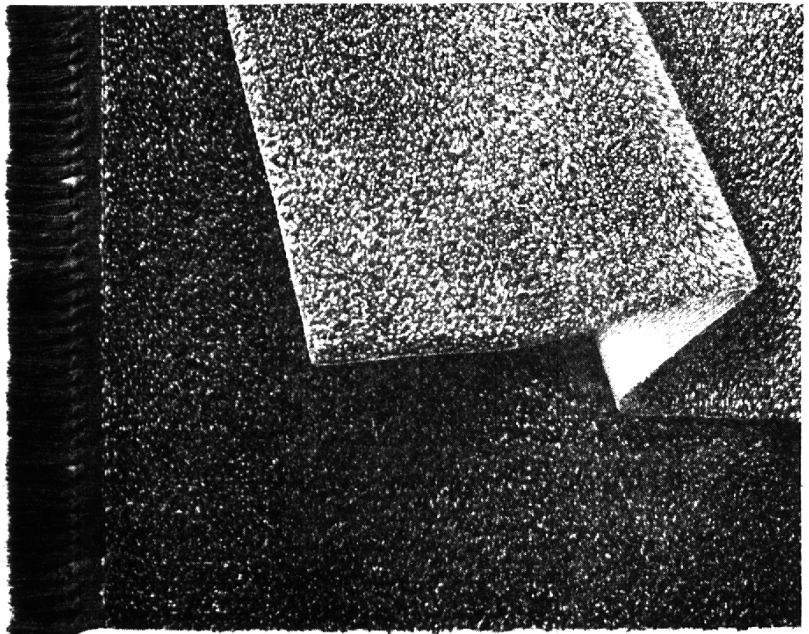


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