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*6/11/54 - pass*  
*6/16/54 - pass*

**Council Bill No. 74536**

INTRODUCED: <b>JUN 14 1954</b>	BY: <b>STREETS &amp; SEWERS</b>
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WHEREAS, it has been determined that the vacation of 20th Avenue North, East Harrison Street and the Alleys in Blocks 1 and 2, Francis A. Bell's First Addition, as requested in City Comptroller's File No. 223015, is necessary to the proper development of said playfield; and

WHEREAS, the southerly portion of said playfield, in the extension easterly of East Thomas Street, can be utilized to better advantages for street purposes, as a means of correcting a dangerous traffic condition; and

WHEREAS, it is to the best interests of the City that that portion of Miller Playfield, as hereinafter described, be set aside for street purposes in exchange for the vacation of said streets and alleys; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the jurisdiction over the following described real property, to-wit:

Beginning at the intersection of the north line of East John Street and the west line of 21st Avenue North; thence south  $89^{\circ} 18' 30''$  west along the north line of East John Street 241.43 feet to a point on a curve; thence following the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 52 feet and a central angle of  $22^{\circ} 17' 37''$ , 20.23 feet to the east line of 20th Avenue North; thence north  $0^{\circ} 22' 00''$  west along said east line 73.27 feet to a point on a curve; thence following the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 471.15 feet and a central angle of  $13^{\circ} 27' 37''$ , a distance of 110.68 feet to a point of tangency; thence south  $68^{\circ} 47' 30''$  east 82.27 feet to a point of curvature; thence following an arc of a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 373.27 feet and a central angle of  $11^{\circ} 42' 57''$ , a distance of 76.33 feet to the west margin of 21st Avenue North; thence southerly along said west margin 5.88 feet to the point of beginning;

is hereby transferred from the Park Department to the Engineering Department for street purposes.

Section 2. That East John Street be and the same is hereby laid off, opened, widened, extended and established over and across the lands described in Section 1 hereof.



(To be used for all Ordinances except Emergency.)

Section 3... This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty days from and after its passage and approval, if approved by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect at the time it shall become a law under the provisions of the city charter.

Passed by the City Council the 21 day of June, 1954,  
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 21 day of  
June, 1954. M. B. Mitchell

President.....of the City Council.

Approved by me this 22 day of June, 1954.  
Allean Tomney  
Mayor.

Filed by me this 22 day of June, 1954.

A. Thomas  
Attest:.....  
City Comptroller and City Clerk.

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By W. A. Perine  
Deputy Clerk.

THE CITY OF SEATTLE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING

W. E. PARKER, CITY ENGINEER  
MEMBER, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

In Re:

May 19, 1954

Honorable City Council  
of the City of Seattle  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

We are submitting herewith for your approval council bill transferring jurisdiction of a portion of the Miller Playfield from the Park Department to the City Engineering Department, in accordance with the sketch attached hereto.

This transfer of jurisdiction was contemplated at the time the Miller Playfield was acquired and is in exchange in part for the vacation of 20th Avenue North, et al., adjacent to the playfield.

Also submitted is council bill appropriating \$15,000 from the City Street Fund to cover the cost of grading and paving a street across this property to be transferred in the above described bill.

The realignment of East John Street, East Thomas Street and 20th Avenue North at this point will remove an extremely dangerous condition. Lack of vision at these intersections has caused many serious accidents in the past and have been a source of considerable worry to responsible City officials.

Yours very truly,



W. E. PARKER  
City Engineer

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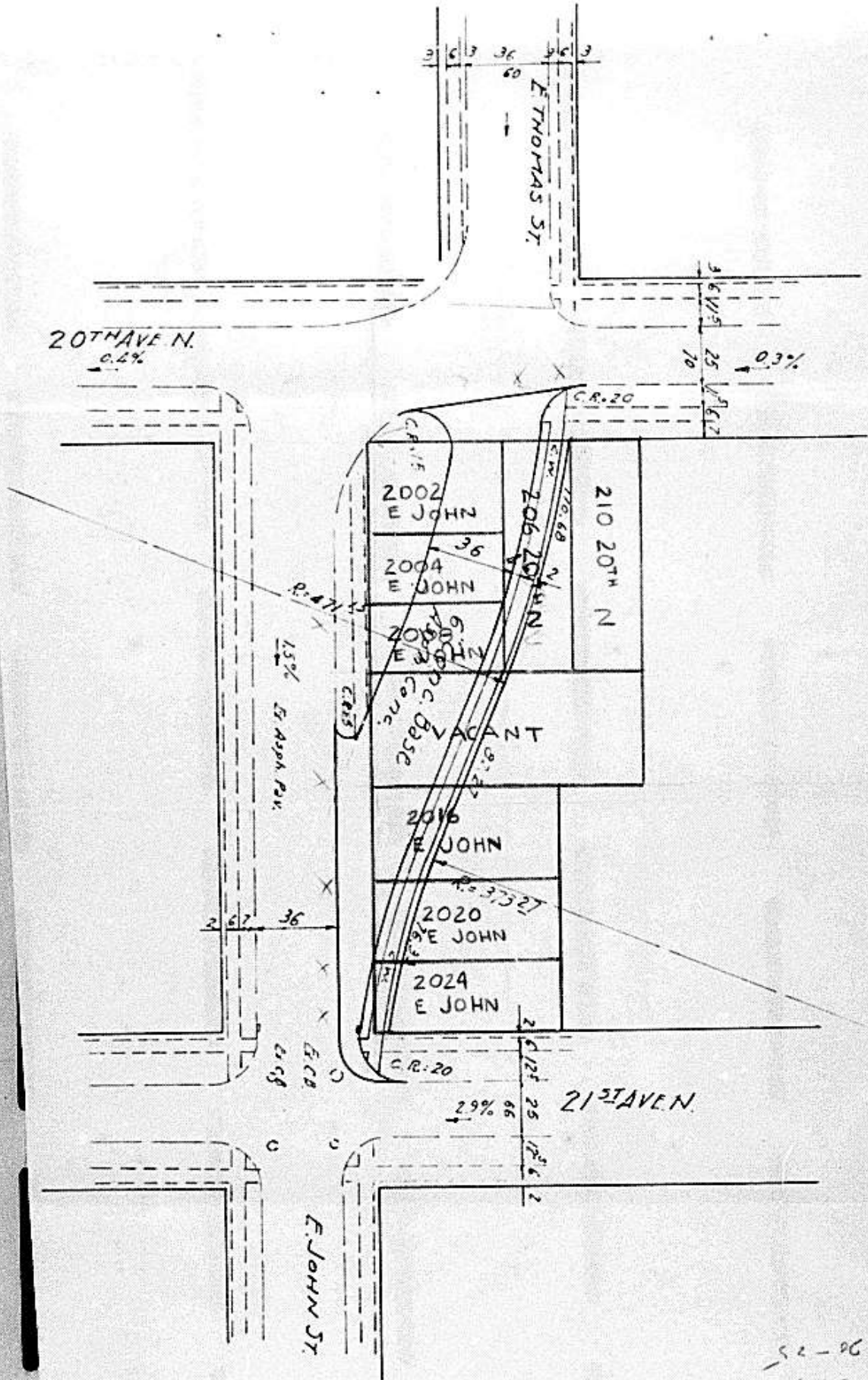
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# The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Streets and Sewers and Parks and Public Grounds  
to which was referred C.B. No. 74536,

Date Reported  
and Adopted  
JUN 21 1954

relating to certain Park Department property at 20th Avenue North and East John Street; transferring the same to the jurisdiction of the Engineering Department for street purposes; and laying off East John Street,

RECOMMEND THAT THE SAME DO PASS.

*Robertson*

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Chairman

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Acting Chairman

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Committee

June 3, 1954

Hon. M. B. Mitchell, Chairman,  
Streets and Sewers Committee  
City Council  
Seattle

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This is in reply to your communication of May 26th, regarding the development of the Miller-Meany Playfield and the immediate realignment of East John Street at its southern boundary.

You ask if there is any reason why this elimination of the hazardous street jog should be done right away rather than wait for the improvement of the playfield.

Please be advised that the improvement of this community center is now under way, after several years' delay, and it is most desirable, in our opinion, that the property which has been purchased, or at least so much thereof as will permit the important south boundary improvement, be cleared of residences immediately. This will not only keep faith with the community that has assessed itself to acquire the property, but will eliminate the serious traffic hazard that endangers the lives of our playfield patrons and the thoroughfare traffic on East John Street.

We urge that the Streets and Sewers Committee expedite this much-too-long-delayed community center improvement.

Respectfully,

Paul V. Brown,  
Superintendent of Parks

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