

OCTOBER 24, 2024

The special meeting of the City Council was held on Thursday, October 24, 2024 in Meeting Room 3-1, 111 North Main Street at 7:00 p.m. Present: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Dickau, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Caggiano called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Michelle Rudy, 102 Henderson St., member of Friends of the Hoppers – Offered to help with DEEP Open Space grant.

Mike Simmons, 36 Jerome Ave., Treasurer of Friends of the Hoppers – Stated he would like to preserve the area and stated that their nonprofit organization would like to help defray costs through fundraising and donations.

Tom Doyle, Sr., 181 Sherwood Rd., member of Friends of the Hoppers – Posed multiple questions with regards to item #4: the location of the Lot proposed to be purchased and the reason to purchase it.

John Schissler, 80 Highland St, member of Friends of the Hoppers. – Expressed concern over the impact of potentially developing portions of the Hoppers.

Erik Madsen, 70 Oak Hill Dr., member of Friends of the Hoppers – Spoke in favor of preserving the land for Open Space. Encouraged the land owners to be charitable in the sale of the land.

Mikailah (Mikki) Simons, 58 Wooding St. (via videoconference), member of Friends of the Hoppers – Ms. Simons stated that she was opposed to Open Space at the Hoppers if the area is needed for housing.

3. LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FOR NORTHEAST MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECT

Communication received from Board of Education Operations Facility Manager.

On motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Rosengren, it was voted: To approve the Letter of Authorization for the lowest responsible qualified bidders as recommended by the Northeast Middle School Building Committee based on the scope reviews by D'Amato+Downes Joint Venture and to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute any documents necessary to amend their contract.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:10 p.m., on motion of Council Member Rosengren and seconded by Council Member Thibeault, it was unanimously voted: To convene into Executive Session to discuss an

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offer for the City to purchase Lot 12-5 and Lot 11 Rear, both on Assessor's Map 60, Perkins Street.

Present to discuss the matter: Mayor Caggiano; Council Members Dickau, Olsen, Panioto, Rosengren, Thibeault, and Tyler; Corporation Counsel Krawiecki; Assistant Corporation Counsels Conlin, and Steeg.

Discussion was held. No votes were taken.

5. ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:08 p.m., on motion of Council Member Thibeault and seconded by Council Member Dickau, it was unanimously voted: To reconvene into Public Session.

Mayor Caggiano explained that no decision was made and negotiations with P & B Properties, LLC will continue.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:09 p.m., on motion of Council Member Dickau and seconded by Council Member Tyler, it was unanimously voted: To adjourn.

ATTEST:_____

Erica Cabiya
Town & City Clerk