



**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE – Special Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 11, 2021, 4:00 P.M.
Bristol City Hall, First Floor Meeting Room**

ATTENDEES: Commissioners Goldwasser, Mills, Rasmussen-Tuller, Mayor Zoppo-Sassu
ABSENT: - - -
STAFF: Justin Malley-ECD
Andrew Armstrong-Land Use
GUESTS: David Preleski, City Council

- I. Commissioner Goldwasser called the ECD Downtown Committee meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
- II. Public Participation – There was no public participation.
- III. Minutes

Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller made a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting of February 4, 2021. Commissioner Mills seconded the motion, motion was passed.

IV. New Business

A. Centre Square Development Proposal

Commissioner Goldwasser reviewed the meeting from February 4 and what transpired. The request was tabled at that time.

Justin explained the purpose of this meeting is to determine an LOI.

Mayor Zoppo-Sassu spoke about the City’s needs for previously planned activity for Parcel 5 and other plans in general for the Centre Sq. area. Various styles of buildings existing in other Central Connecticut communities were discussed. The current models presented for the Bristol project were reviewed with alternative designs and preferences. Concerns were access to Parcel 5 for the meantime to carry out current needs (staging area) and a style which can be revised to be compatible with the city’s overall downtown vision and needs, including the Farmers Market relocation.

V. Take any action as necessary

Commissioner Mills made a motion to recommend that the Economic and Community Development board advise the City Council to authorize the Mayor or Acting Mayor to execute, subject to the approval of Corporation Counsel, a Letter of Intent with Carrier Construction, Inc. or its assigns for exclusive rights to Parcel 5, Parcel 6, Parcel 7, and Parcel 8 as indicated on the map known as “Centre Square Resubdivision” dated June 5, 2017, to allow due diligence and pre-development work on a large mixed-use development that includes approximately 90 market-rate apartments and commercial space for rent. Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller seconded the motion. Discussion.

This will now go to the full board who will recommend that City Council approve and execute the LOI. The Downtown Committee will then work along with staff to discuss the City's concerns and suggestions.

All present voted in favor and the motion passed.

Justin will prepare some Frequently Asked Questions.

VI. Adjournment

Commissioner Rasmussen-Tuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:47 p.m. seconded by Commissioner Mills. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Cooper,
Recording Secretary