

**MINUTES OF THE
REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 NORTH MAIN STREET
FEBRUARY 16, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

ATTENDEES: Chairman Greg Hahn
Councilman Peter Kelley
Councilwoman Brittany Barney (virtually)

ABSENT: Thomas DeNoto, Assessor
Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent

OTHER ATTENDEES: Raymond Rogozinski, Director of Public Works
Jeffrey Steeg, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Noelle Bates, Recording Secretary

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hahn called the Tuesday, February 16, 2021 Real Estate Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ITEM #2 – APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2020.

IT was MOVED by Councilman Kelley and **seconded** by Councilwoman Barney **to approve the minutes of the Real Estate Committee meeting of January 19, 2020.** All voted in favor.

ITEM #3 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ITEM #4 – NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #4 A – CITY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 176 SCHOOL STREET

Attorney Steeg stated that this property is part of the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation's taking of a portion of the West End parking lot for the Route 69/72 project. By taking the lot, it makes the property non-conforming. The State needs to do a variance but they need a signature from the Mayor. Public Works is in favor of the Motion. Ray Rogozinski is working with the State to maximize the parking in the West End.

IT was MOVED by Councilman Kelley and SECONDED by Councilwoman Barney to approve the Mayor sign the documents needed for the State to acquire a variance. All voted in favor.

ITEM #4B- CITY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 801 BURLINGTON AVENUE

Attorney Steeg stated that this property is located on the corner of Peacedale & Burlington Avenue. Ray Rogozinski stated the property was used years ago as a staging area when the State was widening a portion of the road. The State has completed the project and no longer has a use for it.

IT was MOVED by Councilwoman Barney and SECONDED by Councilman Kelley to recommend to send this to Planning for an 8-24 report and to Public Works and the Water Department to determine if they have a use for the property. All voted in favor.

IT was MOVED by Councilman Kelley and SECONDED by Councilwoman Barney to take up items 4C, 4D and 4E all together. All voted in favor.

ITEM #4C – CITY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOT 175/63 DUTTON AVENUE

Attorney Steeg stated that this property was on the list of available properties for sale. Although they are unbuildable lots, they are considered “Lots of Record”. The Committee should considering selling the lots or asking adjoining owners if they are interested.

ITEM #4D – CITY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS 43 EAST MAIN STREET

Attorney Steeg stated that property was also the list of available properties for sale. This property is located in the Forestville section of Town and had the environmental issues. The Committee should also consider listing this property.

ITEM #4E – CITY OWNED PROPERTY KNOWN AS LOTS #88, #102, AND #106 KILMARTIN AVENUE

Attorney Steeg stated that two of these properties were sold to an adjacent owner a few years ago. The new owner ended up not paying the taxes on it and the City foreclosed for a second time on the properties. He stated that Noelle Bates from his office, believed these were also non-buildable lots when she did research a few years back. But, they are Lots of Record and the Committee should consider listing these properties as well.

IT was MOVED by Councilman Kelley and SECONDED by Councilwoman Barney to recommend that Items #4C, #4D and 4E be referred to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 review, along with the Water Department and Public Works to see if there is a use for these properties. All voted in favor.

IT was MOVED by Councilman Kelley and SECONDED by Councilwoman Barney to add a new Item to the Agenda. All voted in favor.

MEMORIAL BRIDGE PROJECT

Attorney Steeg stated he received an email from Robert Flannigan, City Planner stating that he has not received a request for an 8-24 report for the Memorial Boulevard Bridge project and that if we needed one, to prepare the paperwork so they can put it on the next agenda.

IT was MOVED by Councilman Kelley and SECONDED by Councilwoman Barney to recommend the Memorial Boulevard Bridge project be referred to Planning for an 8-24 report. All voted in favor.

ITEM #5 – OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #5A – BROOK STREET – ENCROACHMENT ON CITY PROPERTY

Attorney Steeg stated that at the last meeting he had discussed with Rob Longo, Water and Sewer Superintendent to conduct a survey on the property to delineate where the property lines are and the location of the easements. Attorney Steeg spoke with Mr. Longo again and he stated that he has spoken to Todd Clark who is a surveyor and he will perform a survey once the snow clears. Most likely March or April.

No action taken.

ITEM #5B – LOT #12 WATERBURY ROAD – ACQUISITION THROUGH FORECLOSURE

Attorney Steeg stated that we are waiting for a report from Planning. No further action taken.

ITEM #6 – ADJOURN

IT was MOVED by Councilman Kelley and SECONDED by Councilwoman Barney to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. All voted in favor.

Greg Hahn, Chairman
Real Estate Committee

cc: Ellen Zoppo-Sassu Mayor
Members of the Bristol City Council
Wyland Dale Clift, Corp. Counsel
Jeffrey R. Steeg, Assistant Corp. Council
Therese Pac, Town & City Clerk
Thomas DeNoto, Assessor
Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent
Robert Flanagan, City Planner
Ray Rogozinski, Public Works Director
Robert Longo, Superintendent of Water and Sewer

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