City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted COW

met remotely on <u>Thursday October 22, 2020</u> at <u>6:00</u> P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on

____October 20, 2020______ at ____ 12:16 P.M.____

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: Councillor Sargent

SUBJECT(S)

Discussing parcel 1 of 413 Essex St. be declared surplus and that the parcel be advertised for a sealed bid.

Also present were Councillors Dominguez and Hapworth, City Solicitor Beth Rennard.

Rennard: Parcel 1 of 413 Essex Street was taken by tax title several years ago. The City was approached by abutter Dr. Michael Kantorosinski regarding the property's unkempt condition and his interest in purchasing the land. Proper land disposition process being followed which includes Council approval for surplus before it goes out to bid. Appraisal will be completed next week.

C. Dominguez had concerns about potential sale price of public land but his questions are answered knowing there will be a proper appraisal.

C. Hapworth asks about fencing requirements under entrance corridor overlay. Thought it was a much bigger property.

Rennard clarified it's only a sliver of the property that was subdivided.

C. Madore asks if the proper City staff have reviewed and approved as required by ordinance. **Rennard** : both planning and building departments have signed off.

C. Prosniewski asks what Dr. Kantorosinski plans to do with the property.

Dr. Kantorosinski plans to pave over and provide parking for his residential tenants, many of which are on housing vouchers.

C. Madore ask what the alternative plan is someone outbids Dr. Kantorosinski. **Rennard** : ordinance allows Council to convey parcel to an abutter. It's unlikely there will be other interested bidders given the size and geometry of the property.

C. Morsillo moves to refer the matter back to full Council with positive recommendation for approval, seconded by C. Prosniewski.

3 voting in favor, C. Dibble and C. Sargent absent. Motion passes.

On the motion of C. Prosniewski the meeting adjourned at 6:31 P.M.

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Christine Madore, Chair