

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 9, 2020

A joint meeting of the Committee on Infrastructure and Planning and Economic Development Committee was held Monday, November 9, 2020, at 6:01 p.m. via teleconference.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Tencza

Present.

Alderman Schmidt

I am here and alone in the room.

Alderman Lopez

Present. I am alone in the room, I can hear and see everybody and I am acknowledging the pandemic we have been going through for the past 10 months.

Alderman Laws

Alderman-at-Large Brandon Laws is also here, alone and can hear you, so all members are present, Chairman Tencza.

Chairman Tencza

Thank you.

Chairman Tencza

As Chairman of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, I find that due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting, which was authorized pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order. However, in accordance with the Emergency Order, I am confirming that we are:

Providing public access to the meeting by telephone, with additional access possibilities by video or other electronic means:

To access Zoom, please refer to the agenda or the City's website for the meeting link.

To join by phone: 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 820 5048 7247 Passcode: 411072

We previously gave notice to the public of the necessary information for accessing the meeting, through public postings. Instructions have also been provided on the City of Nashua's website at www.nashuanh.gov and publicly noticed at City Hall and the Nashua Public Library.

If anybody has a problem accessing the meeting via phone or Channel 16, please call 603-821-2049 and they will help you connect.

In the event the public is unable to access the meeting via the methods mentioned above, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

Alderman Laws called the roll and asked them to state the reason he or she could not attend, confirmed that they could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with him or her.

The roll call was taken with 4 members of the Planning and Economic Development Committee present:

Alderman-at-Large David C. Tencza
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Brandon Laws

Members not in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons

Also in Attendance: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

Chairman Tencza

So we already did the Roll Call, I will state for the record that for everyone here, that everyone can hear all the participants and that we are all alone in our respective homes, wherever we are. Alderman Laws?

Alderman Laws

Sorry for the interruption Chairman, but I'd also like to note that President Wilshire is here and for the record, I have a different meeting ID and passcode on my thing.

Chairman Tencza

Oh OK, did I get the wrong?

Alderman Laws

I'm not sure, I mean one of us may or maybe it is multiple meeting numbers.

Chairman Tencza

You could be right, let me make double check and make sure I got the right one. Thank you for pointing that out.

Alderman Lopez

There's a meeting immediately preceding this so it's pretty easy to make that ...

Chairman Tencza

The meeting ID to join by phone the number is 929-205-6099 with a Meeting ID of 862 3595 8245 with a Passcode of 779881. Those were the instructions that I was given, is that what you have Alderman Laws?

Alderman Laws

Yes, sir. And I apologize if I gave the wrong information before. Let's proceed with the meeting unless there's anything else. Ok, hearing none. First is a period for Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Alderman Lopez

Let me just interject, Alderman Dowd has joined us as well.

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Linda McGhee, Deputy Planning Manager

Re: Referral from the Board of Aldermen on proposed R-20-083, authorizing the acquisition of property at 36 Buckmeadow Road, Tax Map C, Lot 762, for a purchase price of \$370,000

From: Linda McGhee, Deputy Planning Manager

Re: Referral from the Board of Aldermen on proposed O-20-034, extending temporary adjustments to site plans to allow for greater outdoor seating at restaurants

There being no objection, Chairman Tencza accepted the communications and placed them on file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-20-083

Endorsers: Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Patricia Klee
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderdwoman Elizabeth Lu
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 36 BUCKMEADOW ROAD, TAX MAP C, LOT 762, FOR A PURCHASE PRICE OF \$370,000

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAWS TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Tencza

If everyone is OK I will ask Alderman Dowd just to give us an overview of this, why it's important. I believe we all have received other information, a slide show that Alderman Dowd provided previously regarding the purchase of this land and how it fits into the development of the Middle School. But Alderman Dowd, if you could just please give us an overview for anyone from the public who is listening and taking any questions that we may have.

Alderman Dowd

Sure. The PowerPoint explained most of the aspects of the Purchase & Sale. We've been negotiating with the owners of that land for some time. They are very anxious to sell the property to the City for the School

Access Road. And I can answer any questions relative to the Purchase & Sale and the points that were in the PowerPoint that I put together. We feel that it's a very good arrangement that was negotiated with the Corporation Counsel and the owners and their attorneys. We have a unanimous approval from the Joint Special School Building Committee and the City of Nashua Planning Board. So with that, if there are any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them.

Chairman Tencza

Any questions? So if no one else has a question, Alderman Dowd, I just have one question about the timing of this. Please explain why this wasn't put forth at the same time as the money for the Middle School was also, when we voted on that as well.

Alderman Dowd

This is part of the bond, the funds to buy this are part of the bond, were always included in the project and the reason it's coming forth, it's the acquisition of property that the City didn't own. We have been negotiating with the owners and as I said, they are very anxious to sell us the property. The COVID sort of slowed the process down because in face meetings were very difficult; we had to do most of it over the phone or Zoom Meetings. But now we are all set, the process as it goes forth from here, if it's approved by this Committee, it will come up tomorrow night at the Full Board. Assuming it passes the Full Board, the Mayor will sign the Purchase & Sale and Corporation Counsel will schedule a closing.

Chairman Tencza

Further questions. OK, seeing none, I'll ask the Clerk to please call the roll?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Laws, Alderman Tencza	4
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Tencza

So R-20-083 is given a favorable recommendation to the full Board.

Alderman Dowd

Thank you very much, appreciate it. It's been a little time getting to this point and I am glad we are finally here.

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN - None

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN LAWS TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Lopez, Alderman Laws,
Alderman Tencza 4

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 6:13 p.m.

Alderman-at-Large Brandon Michael Laws
Committee Clerk