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REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION & DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

MAY 31, 2018

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PRESENT

Linda A. Russo, Chair; Councillors Joseph Carlson and Caroline Torres

ALSO

Marcia A. Leclerc, Mayor

PRESENT

Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner

Town Council members:

Rich Kehoe, Esther Clarke, Ram Aberasturia and Marc Weinberg

Silver Lane Advisory Committee members:

Pat Gallagher, Todd Andrews, Dan Matos and Craig Stevenson

Reginald Thibault, 42 Chester Street

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 10, 2018 Minutes

MOTION

By Joe Carlson

seconded by Caroline Torres

to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 Real Estate Acquisition &

Disposition Committee meeting.

Motion carried 3/0.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS AND PUBLIC TO SPEAK

<u>Patrick Gallagher</u>, a Planner with Milone & MacBroom and Land Use Consultant to the Silver Lane Advisory Committee, attested to the value for the Town to proceed with the purchase.

<u>Todd Andrews</u>, Vice President, Economic and Strategic Development for Goodwin College and member of the Silver Lane Advisory Committee, read or quoted from two letters of endorsement from those unable to attend this meeting: Silver Lane Advisory Committee Chair Robin Pearson and Tom York, Principal with Goman & York, and a member of the Silver Lane Advisory Committee. Mr. Andrews also spoke favorably of the project.

<u>Dan Matos</u>, Principal, The Matos Group and a member of the Silver Lane Advisory Committee, spoke in support of this issue.

<u>Craig Stevenson</u>, a member of the Silver Lane Advisory Committee, spoke of the admirable history of redevelopment in East Hartford and urged that this project go forward.

Reginald Thibault, 42 Chester Street, spoke in opposition indicating his opinion that "Government should not engage in Commerce."

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NEW BUSINESS

Potential Purchase and Disposition of 936-960 Silver Lane & 285-291 Forbes Street

Conversation ensued relative to the National Amusement's offer to sell to the Town the properties on Silver Lane and Forbes Street.

MOTION

By Joe Carlson seconded by Caroline Torres

that the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee recommends that the Town Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement with respect to the acquisition of the properties known as 936-960 Silver Lane (a/k/a 936 Silver Lane, 942 Silver Lane, 944 Silver Lane and 960 Silver Lane) and 285-291 Forbes Street (also known as 295 285 Forbes Street Rear and 291 Forbes Street) for the sum of \$3,400,000 solely using state bond funds; said agreement to contain all necessary and appropriate contingencies including the need for inspections, reports and surveys that comply with the provisions of Section 10-18 of the Town Ordinances, and that the final acquisition shall be subject to review and approval of the Town Council after review of such inspections, reports and cost estimates. The Town should immediately begin marketing such property upon final approval in order to expedite putting such property on the taxable grand list. Motion carried 3/0.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

MOTION

By Joe Carlson seconded by Caroline Torres to **adjourn** (7:52 p.m.) Motion carried 3/0.

C: Town Council
Mayor Leclerc
Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Eileen Buckheit, Development Director
Jeffrey Cormier, Town Planner
Silver Lane Advisory Committee
Reginald Thibault, 42 Chester Street