

COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTER ROOM 111 / MICROSOFT "TEAMS"

REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 12, 2023

PRESENT Angie Parkinson, Temporary Chair; Councillors Awet Tsegai and Tom Rup

ALSO Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Parkinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Chair:

MOTION By Tom Rup
seconded by Awet Tsegai

to **appoint Angie Parkinson** as **Chair** of the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee.

Motion carried 3/0

Secretary:

MOTION By Tom Rup
seconded by Angie Parkinson

to **appoint Awet Tsegai** as **Secretary** of the Real Estate Acquisition & Disposition Committee.

Motion carried 3/0

ADOPTION OF RULES GOVERNING MEETINGS

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
seconded by Tom Rup

to **adopt** Robert's Rules of Order as the rules that shall govern parliamentary procedure at all subcommittee meetings, with the exception that (1) the Chair shall not be required to restate the motion of any Council member unless requested by another Councillor, or when in the discretion of the Chair, such restatement is necessary to avoid any confusion as to the motion; and (2) where such rules are in conflict with the provisions of the State Statutes, the Town Charter, or Town Ordinances.

Motion carried 3/0

ESTABLISHMENT OF MEETING DATES

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **hold** meetings at the **call** of the Chair.

Motion carried 3/0

STORAGE OF RECORDS

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **store** records in the Town Council office.

Motion carried 3/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 30, 2023 Meeting

MOTION By Tom Rup
 seconded by Awet Tsegai

to **approve** the minutes of the January 30, 2023 meeting.

Motion carried 3/0

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

NEW BUSINESS

Need for Referral, 6.9 Acres of State Land abutting Brookside Lane

Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel, stated that at a special meeting in January 2022 the Town Council passed a motion to accept Brookside Lane as a Town Road. It was Mr. Gentile's initial assumption that a parcel of 6.9 acres of State Land abutting Brookside Lane was included in the referral, but upon review, it appears that the land was not included. Mr. Gentile's recommendation is to have the approval of the Referral addressed at a future Town Council Meeting as a Committee of the Whole. An approval of an 8-24 report by the Planning and Zoning Commission would be required before Council's final vote.

Mr. Gentile reviewed the conditions placed on the land and its potential uses along with providing that environmental reviews of the parcel have been performed.

Mr. Gentile provided a map and described the location of two small parcels of land that comprise part of the roadbed along the current East River Drive. While reviewing a separate matter, Mr. Gentile found original deeds and conveyance statements from 2001 that appear to never have been officially recorded into the Town's Land Records. Gentile stated that he reached out to Peter Sorokin who serves as legal counsel to the parties who initially conveyed the land and Mr. Sorokin indicated that the Town should record the deeds. As these deeds deal with acquiring property that comprise a portion of a Town road, an 8-24 review will be need to be coordinated.

Move that the Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee recommend that, subject to receipt of a Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24 report from the East Hartford Planning and Zoning Commission, the Town Council: (i) waive all requirements of Town Ordinances Section 10-18(b) with respect to the acquisition of two parcels of property identified on the attached deeds, which parcels of property (the "Properties") comprise a portion of the Town Road known as East River Drive, such waiver being in the best interests of the Town since the attached deeds were tendered and accepted by the Town in 2001, the Town has treated the Properties as being owned by the Town since that date, and failure to record the deeds was an error; and (ii) approve the acquisition of the Properties and the recording of the attached deeds.

ADJOURNMENT

to **adjourn** (6:46 p.m.)

cc: Town Council
Connor Martin, Mayor
Rich Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Eileen Buckheit, Director of Development