

COMMITTEE ON LANDS & BUILDINGS

April 15, 2024 at 5:15 PM

Chairman Levasseur called the meeting to order.

The Clerk calls the roll.

Present: Aldermen Levasseur, Vincent, Thomas, Goonan

Absent: Alderman Long

Messrs.: J. Nazaka, B. Masewic-Adams

1. Communication from Jodie Nazaka, Economic Development Director, regarding the Hackett Hill Antenna Lease with AT&T.

*On motion of **Alderman Goonan**, duly seconded by **Alderman Vincent**, it was voted to approve the recommendation of the Economic Development Director to reject their proposal.*

2. Communication from the Economic Development Director regarding the Hackett Hill Antenna Lease with T-Mobile.

***Alderman Goonan** moved to approve the recommendation from the Economic Development Director to reject their request to alter the base rate on their antenna lease and that the City maintain the current rate at \$3,289.83 with a modification to the escalation rate of a 12% per term increase. **Alderman Vincent** duly seconded the motion.*

Alderman Vincent stated mentioned in this letter they say they are willing to work on incentive opportunities. Have we explored what those incentive opportunities are? Do we even know what that means or is that their blanket statement?

Jodie Nazaka, Economic Development Director, stated it is a blanket statement similar to what AT&T was offering which is to potentially purchase the property and the water tower and all of the existing leases on it.

Alderman Vincent asked with DISH, US Cellular and Verizon, we are good correct. Are they on a different cycle? Is that why we are only dealing with AT&T and T-Mobile?

Ms. Nazaka answered correct. It is very random the way these requests come in. I think I noted in the AT&T request that they had submitted a similar one in 2020. The T-Mobile one, as far as I know, this is the first time we have seen something from them in a few years. Some hire outside firms to reevaluate their lease agreements on a regular basis but with others we don't typically hear from them.

Chairman Levasseur called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

3. Communication from Phil Croasdale, Water Works Director, requesting approval of a signed Purchase & Sales Agreement for property located on Wellington Road.

*On motion of **Alderman Goonan**, duly seconded by **Alderman Vincent**, it was voted to approve.*

4. Communication from Mayor Ruais requesting that the attached list of parcels be deemed surplus to city needs, disposed of through public sale, and that the ordinance authorizing disposal be approved.

Chairman Levasseur asked Brenda Masewic Adams to come forward. There has been a small change in the recommendation.

Brenda Masewic Adams, Tax Collector, stated in your packet it includes some lots that are to be excluded. So the total will be 15 sites approved and 21 lots. The lots to exclude are 187 Pine Street, Wheelock Street, Map 346, Lots 6 & 6A and Smyth Ferry Road, Map 681, Lots 8 & 9.

Chairman Levasseur asked and those will be excluded from the list.

Ms. Adams answered yes.

*On motion of **Alderman Goonan**, duly seconded by **Alderman Vincent**, it was voted to deem the remaining lots surplus to city needs and dispose of them through public sale.*

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated as part of deeming the lots surplus, you are also disposing them through public sale. That was part of the last motion. There is an ordinance authorizing disposal of the properties and we would need a motion to approve the ordinance.

*On motion of **Alderman Goonan**, duly seconded by **Alderman Vincent**, it was voted to approve the ordinance.*

TABLED ITEMS

5. Communication from Mark Gomez, Chief of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, requesting the following:
 - Remove all the wooden posts and signs in the Gill/JFK area;
 - Install a large sign on the exterior of Gill Stadium, of a style in harmony with this historic facility, to include the names of all contributors and a way-finding map to the trees they sponsored; and

- Make available to family members the existing name plate, should they so desire it.

(Note: Tabled on 2/20/24 pending further information from the department.)

Alderman Vincent moved to remove the item from the table. There was no second so the item remained on the table.

*There being no further business, on motion of **Alderman Vincent**, duly seconded by **Alderman Thomas**, it was voted to adjourn.*

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Clerk of Committee