

COMMITTEE ON LANDS & BUILDINGS

July 2, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Levasseur called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Levasseur, Vincent, Long, Goonan

Absent: Alderman Thomas

Messrs.: M. Gomez, J. Belanger

1. Request from Brenda Masewic-Adams, Tax Collector, regarding the auction of city-owned properties on June 8, 2024.

Alderman Long moved to accept the Tax Collector's recommendation and further authorize both her and the Solicitor to accept the second highest bid should the initial bid fail to close. **Alderman Goonan** duly seconded the motion. Chairman Levasseur called for a vote. *There being none opposed, the motion carried.*

2. Communication from Atty. Megan Carrier on behalf of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester to deem property located at 581 Bridge Street (Map 122, Lot 12) surplus to city needs, and to dispose of said property through direct sale to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester.
(Note: Recommendations from Parks, Planning & Community Development, and Assessor are attached.)

Alderman Long stated just reading the issues, I am not sure if they need that property. Is it conducive to the buffer? It was brought up in 2002 and the city decided to keep it because of a buffer issue and potential road expansion or what have you.

Mark Gomez, Chief of Parks, Recreation & Cemetery, responded that is my understanding as well. I know that Jeff Belanger issued a memo that is in the agenda packet and he may be in a better position to answer some of those questions.

Jeff Belanger, Planning & Community Development Director, stated in general a decision was made by the L&B Committee and the full Board back in 2002 to keep this as part of the park land and not turn it over to private use. I felt that it was important for my department to respect that decision and bring it to your attention and that is why I wrote the memo that I wrote recommending that we keep it under the city's ownership.

Alderman Long asked are we maintaining it do you know. I haven't had a chance to go up there and check it out.

Mr. Gomez answered to the extent that it needs to be maintained, yes.

Alderman Long asked was there another issue with respect to sale price.

Chairman Levasseur stated we would have to go into non-public to discuss the sales price.

Alderman Long stated I believe we got a recommendation on what that should be.

Chairman Levasseur replied yes and we would have to go into non-public to discuss that if you want to do that.

Alderman Long moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(d) for consideration of property acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community. **Alderman Vincent** duly seconded the motion. Chairman Levasseur called for a roll call vote. Aldermen Levasseur, Vincent, Long and Goonan voted yea. The motion carried.

Chairman Levasseur called the meeting back to order.

*On motion of **Alderman Vincent**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to receive and file the request.*

*On motion of **Alderman Vincent**, duly seconded by **Alderman Long**, it was voted to seal the minutes.*

3. Communication from Phil Croasdale, Water Works Director, requesting permission to enter into two Slope Easement Agreements with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for the purpose of replacing a brook culvert adjacent to Lake Massabesic.

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

4. Communication from the Water Works Director requesting permission to enter into Solar Net Metering Program Agreements with Freedom Logistics, LLC, and Chestnut County Solar LLC.

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

5. Proposal from Harry Umen for a mural on a bridge pillar beneath the Bridge Street Bridge near 500 Commercial Street.

Matthew Normand, City Clerk, stated there has been a request from the Heritage Commission for this to be tabled so they can weigh in.

*On motion of **Alderman Long**, duly seconded by **Alderman Vincent**, it was voted to table.*

TABLED ITEM

6. 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.)*

This item remained on the table.

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

A True Record. Attest.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Normand".

Clerk of Committee