

Waltham City Council
Executive Session
September 12, 2022
Approved as Minutes: September 26, 2022
Approved for release: October 23, 2023

President McMenimen called the Executive Session to order at 9:56 pm.

Councillors Present: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, McMenimen, O'Brien, Paz and Vidal

Councillors Absent: Stanley

Non-council members present: Mayor Jeanette McCarthy, Asst. Clerk Kara Wilson

Clerk: City Clerk Joseph Vizard

The Mayor said she was contacted by a broker regarding the Elks Club at 101 School Street being for sale. The Mayor reviewed potential uses for the building and parking area. The Mayor said the City uses the parking at the Elks when there are large events at Government Center which is located across the street. The Mayor said she would want an environmental review and is concerned that the current asking price is too high. The Mayor said she would need to obtain an appraisal.

Councillor Durkee asked about uses for the site and supported acquiring it for municipal use. Councillor LaCava said he heard there is significant interest in the property from other parties. Councillor Vidal asked about the price and potential uses. Councillor LeBlanc asked about the assumptions in the appraisal. Councillor Dunn asked if the Elks was disbanding. The Mayor said she did not know. Councillor Bradley-MacArthur said she supported the purchase and asked if affordable housing could be considered. Councillor Darcy asked if Councillors could go to the open house. The Mayor said she would prefer if they did not. Councillor Darcy asked about there being 2 lots. The Mayor said she needed to research the property. President McMenimen said neighboring properties were also for sale.

Councillor Durkee moved that the Mayor seek an appraisal of the property.

In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McMenimen, McLaughlin, O'Brien, and Vidal

Absent: Stanley

Motion was approved 14-0-0-1

Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter in Executive Session.

In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, and Vidal

Absent: Stanley

Presiding: McMenimen

Motion was approved 13-0-1-1

The motion was approved and the matter was tabled in Executive Session.

Councillor Harris moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:31 pm.

In favor: Bradley-MacArthur, Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, Katz, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Paz, and Vidal

Absent: Stanley

Presiding: McMenimen

Motion was approved 13-0-1-1

President McMenimen adjourned the Executive Session at 10:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph W. Vizard, City Clerk

September 22, 2022