

Waltham City Council
Minutes of Executive Session
October 15, 2019

President Brasco called the Executive Session to order at 8:51 p.m.

Present: Councillors Darcy, Fowler, Harris, LaCava, LeBlanc, Diane, Logan, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Nabulime, Romard, Stanley, Vidal and Brasco.
Councillor Randall LeBlanc recused himself in open session.

Also present: Assistant City Solicitor, Luke Stanton and City Clerk, Robert Waddick.

Councillor John McLaughlin summarized the Mayor's request for the transfer of funds in the amount of \$32,390.00 for the purpose of environmental services and asked Attorney Stanton to provide an explanation and an update on the status of the negotiation with the state for the acquisition of the property. Attorney Stanton explained that the funding was needed for the purpose of obtaining an environmental evaluation of a portion of the property at 225-227 Beaver Street and 240 Beaver Street as part of the City's due diligence, but that he could not discuss the status of the negotiations with the state.

Councillor Diane LeBlanc questioned Attorney Stanton regarding funding that had been requested previously for environmental issues. Attorney Stanton indicated that the current request is for environmental testing – borings. Councillor LeBlanc asked if there would be additional requests for funding to which Attorney Stanton stated that once the testing was completed, a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) would need to be hired to develop specifications for remediation work. He indicated that an additional amount of approximately \$9,500.00 would be needed for that purpose.

Councillor McMenimen discussed the history of the area including parcels in the area in proximity to the land in question. Attorney Stanton stated that the environmental testing would be done in the wetland portion of the property and indicated that the state will not exclude the wetland portion of the property from a sale.

Councillor Darcy requested that the environmental testing include test borings in the area near the power plant on the Fernald site stating that there have been a number of spills in that area over the years.

Councillor Fowler asked if the Mayor would be submitting an additional funding request from the \$9,500.00 to which Attorney Stanton responded in the affirmative.

There being no further speakers or questions from Councillors, Councillor McLaughlin moved approval of the request for the transfer of funds in the amount of \$32,390.00 from: Stabilization Fund #250-135-7405-5205 To: Mayor-Environmental (UMass) #001-121-5400-5303-05 for the purpose of conducting an environmental evaluation on the property at 225-227 Beaver Street and 240 Beaver Street. Roll Call: Voting in favor Councillors Darcy, Fowler, Harris, LaCava,

LeBlanc, Diane, Logan, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Nabulime, Romard, Stanley, Vidal and Brasco. Opposed: None. Recused: Randall LeBlanc

Councillor McLaughlin moved to adjourn the Executive Session. Roll Call: Voting in favor Councillors Darcy, Fowler, Harris, LaCava, LeBlanc, Diane, Logan, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Nabulime, Romard, Stanley, Vidal and Brasco. Opposed: None. Recused: Randall LeBlanc.

President Brasco declared the Executive Session adjourned at 9:15 p.m. and the Council returned to open session.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Waddick,
City Clerk
October 16, 2019

Minutes Approved: December 23, 2019

Minutes Released: May 23, 2022