

Long Term Debt Committee
March 6, 2023
Minutes of the Meeting

Attendance

Chairman O'Brien	Absent
Councillor Darcy	Present
Councillor Paz	Absent
Councillor Stanley	Present
Councillor Vidal	Present

The Clerk called the meeting to order. The clerk asked for nominations for Chairman Pro-temp. Councillor Stanley nominated Councillor Vidal. The vote for Councillor Vidal was unanimous.

Councillor Darcy approval of the March 6, 2023 minutes. Motion was adopted on a voice vote.

1. The Mayor respectfully requests approval of a first reading without committee reference of a loan order authorization for the acquisition of the property located at 101 School Street and 63-65 Lexington Street in the amount of \$2,960,000.00.

Councillor Vidal moved to hear from all off-committee members. Motion was adopted on a voice vote. The Mayor appeared before the committee. Councillor Stanley asked the Mayor what is the plan for the building. The Mayor said she has agreed to let the Elks stay in the building for six months. The Mayor said her thoughts are to use the property for paid parking and some sort of housing. The Mayor felt the building could be converted to housing pretty easily. The Mayor said the city could do something like the Parmenter house, housing for women between sixty and sixty six years old. Councillor Durkee asked if the building would be for any city departments. The Mayor said no. Councillor Durkee asked if the city would consider tearing it down. The Mayor said no, if anything she would consider putting an addition on the building. Councillor Darcy said he would like the city to consider the following for this location. Parking for bicycles on site, converted sheltered bus stop, pantry location to store food, and garden with benches. The Mayor said she would not consider storing food in the basement. Off committee, Councillor Bradley-MacArthur asked if the city has any data to support the suggestion that there is a need for parking. The Mayor said she believes there is a definitely need for additional parking in this area. Councillor Stanley made a motion for approval. A roll call was requested. Roll call was taken and the item was approved unanimously (3-0). Councillor Paz and Chairman O'Brien were absent. Councillor Darcy made a motion to adjourn. Motion was adopted on a voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas J Magno - Clerk

