

Waltham City Council
Executive Session
Potential Real Estate Acquisition
September 27, 2021

City Council President Brasco called the executive session to order at 8:42 p.m.

City Councillors present: Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Paz, Vidal, Stanley and Brasco.

City Councillors absent: LaFauci and O'Brien.

Others present: Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy and City Clerk Robert Waddick.

In advance of the meeting, Mayor McCarthy submitted a communication that included several documents regarding 625 Moody Street. Said communication and documents are attached collectively as Exhibit 1.

In the executive session, Mayor McCarthy distributed a packet prepared by the Assessor's Office regarding 625 Moody Street. Said packet is attached as Exhibit 2.

Mayor McCarthy informed the Councillors that the property at 625 Moody Street formerly occupied by the Bank of America is on the market. She indicated that Councillors Harris and Vidal had brought this to her attention. She stated that she was before the Council to seek the Council's position on the potential acquisition of the property.

Councillor Harris asked the Mayor what action she was seeking from the Council.

The Mayor stated that she was seeking authorization to make an offer in the amount of \$1,451,750.00 subject to a clean title.

Councillor Harris stated that there is a need for municipal parking in this area and made a motion to approve the Mayor's request.

On the motion, Councillor Vidal questioned the Mayor regarding the permitted uses on the property to which the Mayor read from the Table of Uses in the Zoning Code. Councillor Vidal also stated that there is a need for more parking spaces in this area.

Councillor LaCava also stated that more parking is needed in this area.

Councillor LeBlanc expressed concern about the presence of underground storage tanks (USTs) on the property but indicated that he supported adding more parking to this area.

Councillor Dunn asked about the availability of a municipal parking lot to residents after business hours to which the Mayor commented that the Traffic Commission would need to establish long term and short term parking parameters.

Councillor Mackin indicated that she had questions but they had been asked by those who were called before her.

Councillor Stanley stated that he was in support of acquiring the property and would support a taking.

On the motion by Councilor Harris to authorize the Mayor to make an offer on the property at 625 Moody Street in the amount of \$1,451,750.00 subject to a clean title, a vote was taken by a call of the role.

In favor: Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: LaFauci and O'Brien.

Presiding: Brasco.

Motion approved 12-0.

Councillor Harris moved to table the matter in executive session. Roll call.

In favor: Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: LaFauci and O'Brien.

Presiding: Brasco.

Motion approved 12-0.

Councillor Harris moved to adjourn the executive session. Roll call.

In favor: Darcy, Dunn, Durkee, Harris, LaCava, LeBlanc, Mackin, McLaughlin, McMenimen, Paz, Stanley and Vidal.

Opposed: None.

Absent: LaFauci and O'Brien.

Presiding: Brasco.

Motion approved 12-0.

President Brasco declared the executive session adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Waddick

City Clerk

September 30, 2021

Minutes approved: October 25, 2021

Minutes released: MAR 14 2022