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Minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting 4/3/2017

Chairman Waddick called the Public Works & Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Present: Romard, Waddick, Fowler, Vidal
Absent: Brasco

Councillor Romard moved approval of the 3/20/2017 minutes. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

First Agenda item: Marquardt Building for Police Station

Councillor Romard moved to hear from an off committee member. Matter was approved by a voice vote.

Chief MacPherson answered questions from Councillor Romard. He explained that the plans for this project began in 2013 and included in the plans was to completely vacate the police station during the renovation period.

Councillors Vidal, Fowler and Chairman Waddick spoke on the matter.

Councillor Romard moved approval of the request. On the motion President LeBlanc asked about the union's opinion on the plans. The Chief expressed his belief that the union was fine with the plans.

Off Committee member Darcy noted is in in favor of putting the police station up at this Fernald site.

On the request all were in favor and the matter was approved by a voice vote.

Councillor Romard submitted four requests to ask the Mayor the following: to provide to the committee the current plans for the police station, the status of the combined building proposal , a timeline of the project and fourth, the funding request for the station and the funding for the Marquardt Building renovation and move. All were in favor of the request and was approved by a voice vote.

Second item: 17-25 petition at 36 Thornton Road

Councillor Fowler moved to take a matter out of order. All were in favor. Councillor Fowler moved to hear from an off committee member. All were in favor. Bret Francis, Attorney for petitioner, spoke on the matter. He said he had not heard back from the Engineering Dept. yet regarding the matter and the neighbor's emergency had been rectified. Councillor Fowler and Vidal spoke on the matter. Chairman Waddick read the opinion of the DPW Director on the matter. Councillor Giordano, Ward Councillor spoke on the petition. He would like to see this approved. He said he would be in touch with Mr. Casazza this week and check on the patch of the neighbor's trench as well to see if they could be permanently paved together. Councillor Fowler made a motion to approve the petition. Councillor Giordano asked if Peter Ryan was going to do work. On the motion the matter was approved by a voice vote.

Third Agenda Item: Authority to obtain tenancy information at the Young Building on Moody Street

Councillor Fowler asked about the resolution that was submitted in the Fall of 2016 had already given permission to do this. Councillor Fowler made a motion to authorize the Mayor to proceed to vacate the tenancies in accordance with all legal requirements set forth. On the motion Councillor Romard moved to amend the request to include a condition stating in contingent upon a plan for the use of the site. Councillors Romard, Waddick, Vidal and Fowler and President LeBlanc spoke on the matter. Councillor Romard moved approval of this amendment to the request. It did not pass. On Councillors Fowler's original motion the matter passed by a voice vote.

Councillor Romard moved to take the Joe Lazaro resolution off of the table. All were in favor. Councillor Romard spoke on the matter. He asked why this was not in the License and Franchise Committee. He asked the Clerk to look into the reason why it was sent to Public Works and not to License and Franchise. Councillor Romard moved to table the matter. Matter was tabled by a voice vote.

Councillor Fowler moved to adjourn. All were in favor. Chairman Waddick adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kara Wilson, Executive Assistant to the City Clerk
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