



City of Bristol

BRISTOL, CONNECTICUT 06010

MINUTES OF THE
REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 NORTH MAIN STREET
AUGUST 20, 2019
5:00 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Chairman Dave Preleski
Councilman Dave Mills
Councilman Greg Hahn

ABSENT: None

OTHER ATTENDEES: Jeffrey R. Steeg, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Ray Rogozinski, Director of Public Works
Noelle Bates, Recording Secretary

ITEM #1 – CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Preleski called the Tuesday, August 20, 2019 Real Estate Committee meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ITEM #2 – APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 16, 2019.

IT was **MOVED** by Councilman Hahn and **SECONDED** by Councilman Mills to approve the minutes of the Real Estate Committee meeting of July 16, 2019.

ITEM #3 – APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2019.

IT was **MOVED** by Councilman Mills and **SECONDED** by Councilman Hahn to approve the minutes of the Special Real Estate Committee meeting of August 13, 2019.

ITEM #4 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

ITEM #5 – NEW BUSINESS

ITEM # - 5A – DISCUSSION OF SCHAFFRICK PROPERTY; MAP 60; LOTS 11 AND 12-5

Jim Schaffrick addressed the Committee requesting the minutes be changed to reflect that he spoke at the last meeting and not Glenn Schaffrick. It was reported at the last meeting that the City's walking trail encroaches on their property and the family would rather sell the property to the City then assume the liability risk as many people walk these trails. Mr. Schaffrick stated he is tired of paying the taxes on the property for other people to walk the trails and would like the City to make an offer.

Attorney Steeg suggested that it be referred to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 review. If Planning declines a municipal use of the property, then it would need a supermajority vote at the City Council meeting to overrule the decision.

The Committee agreed to determine the point of contact for the Schaffrick family and to start communications between the family and the City. Attorney Steeg will talk to the Mayor to let her know that Jim Schaffrick will be contacting her.

The Committee also agreed that the matter should be referred to the Parks Department as well as the Hoppers Committee to speed up the negotiations.

IT was MOVED by Councilman Mills and SECONDED by Councilman Hahn to refer this matter to the Planning Commission for an 8-24 review and to also refer it to the Parks Department, Public Works and the Hoppers Committee.

Discussion:

Marianna Vanhousen of 5 Sand Hill Road stated that she has been walking the trails daily with her dog for many years. Mr. Schaffrick has posted signs on what she believed was City property and is concerned about what's going to happen with it. She feels that the community should be able to continue to walk the trails as they have done for the past 20 years as there has never been an incident.

Councilman Mills addressed the liability issues and would like Corporation Counsel to look into a possible agreement between the parties.

ITEM #6 – OLD BUSINESS

ITEM #6A – 12 MARCONI AVENUE – POTENTIAL BUYER FOR THE PROPERTY

No action taken.

ITEM #6B – PETERS COURT – UNACCEPTED STREET

The Committee agreed to take this matter off the agenda. Ray Rogozinski stated that this is an Administrative function within his Department to change the address but he needs a request from the current owner to do so.

No action taken.

ITEM #6 – LOT 6, 7, 8 WITCHES ROCK ROAD - STATUS

Ray Rogozinski stated that this vacant lot has become an illegal dumping issue and if we could find a potential buyer for the property it would take care of this issue.

No action taken.

ITEM #6 – PA-TED SPRING COMPANY, LLC – POTENTIAL PROPERTY TRANSITION TO THE CITY OF UNUSED PROPERTY FOR FUTURE USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – STATUS

Ray Rogozinski stated that he was on vacation but that he did not hear back from Pa-Ted. As soon as he hears back from them, he will report to the Committee.

No action taken.

ITEM #6 – LOTS 35C AND 35D GLENN STREET – STATUS

Attorney Steeg reported that this property has been taken off the market. Planning will de-certify the subdivision so that we can combine the lots and make it more attractive to a potential buyer.

No action taken.

ITEM #7– ADJOURN

IT was MOVED by Councilman Hahn and SECONDED by Councilman Mills to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Dave Preleski, Chairman
Real Estate Committee

cc: Ellen Zoppo-Sassu Mayor
Members of the Bristol City Council
Wyland Dale Clift, Corp. Counsel
Jeffrey R. Steeg, Assistant Corp. Council
Therese Pac, Town & City Clerk
Thomas DeNoto, Assessor
Roger Rousseau, Purchasing Agent
Robert Flanagan, City Planner
Ray Rogozinski, City Engineer
Robert Longo, Superintendent Water Department