

**NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS**

**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY**  
**DATE: MARCH 28, 2019**  
**TIME: 6:30 P.M.**  
**PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS NAOMI CARNEY, CHAIRPERSON; JOSEPH LOPES, VICE CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU; DEBORA COELHO; HUGH DUNN; MARIA GIESTA; SCOTT LIMA; WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY; LINDA MORAD; DANA REBEIRO**

**ABSENT: COUNCILLOR BRIAN GOMES**

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Councillor Carney called the City Property Committee Meeting to order and took attendance everyone was present, except for Councillor Gomes.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, requesting on behalf of the New Bedford Airport Commission that the City Council purchase from Tifereth Israel Congregation, two Lots for a total consideration of \$35,000.00 (Ref'd 2/28/19) (3/19/18-tabled) were removed from the table by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Markey. (1,1a)

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Markey, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee on City Property vote to acquire the described land from the Tifereth Israel Congregation. This motion PASSED on a Roll Call vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee on City Property ACCEPT the Appraisal submitted from the Administration. (If value does not exceed \$35,000 no proposals need to be solicited.) This motion PASSED on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Coelho, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council ADOPT the ORDER attached hereto for the acquisition of the land and purchase price described in said order. This motion PASSED on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER, requested by the New Bedford Airport Commission that the City sell a parcel of real estate to Tifereth Israel Congregation for \$35,000.00 (Ref'd 2/28/19) (3/19/18-tabled) were removed from the table by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (2, 2a)

Councillor Morad asked Attorney Jaikes if this was an even land swap and she was told yes. She asked if there was any city protection language written into the deed, should there be an issue that the city would not be held accountable. He said the deed language had not yet been written but adding such language should not be a problem.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council ADOPT the ORDER attached hereto for the transfer of the land to the Tifereth Israel Congregation as described in said order. This motion PASSED on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting a response to its RFP of 45 Salisbury Street, for its inclusion in the proposed Public Safety Facility at Ruth and Salisbury Streets and Brock Avenue (Ref'd 2/28/19) (3/19/18-tabled) was removed from the table by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (3)

Councillor Morad asked Attorney Mathieu if the purchase and sales agreement were agreed to for the Salisbury property and she was told yes. No formal written letter of intent was sent but there is an email that it is agreed to.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee on City Property accept the RFP and bids solicited by the Administration. This motion PASSED on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee on City Property vote to acquire the land as proposed in the bid submitted by Michael A. and Manuela S. Downing for an amount not to exceed a cost of \$350,000. This motion PASSED on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council approve the acquisition of the described land pursuant to the terms of the Committee's chosen proposal and attached hereto; and not to exceed a cost of \$350,000 and authorize the City Solicitor and the Administration to take the necessary action and execute the necessary documents to perform the land acquisition for the proposed Public Safety Facility at Ruth and Salisbury Streets and Brock Avenue. This motion PASSED on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

Councillor Abreu made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Giesta.

This meeting adjourned @ 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Denis Lawrence, Jr.,  
Clerk of Committees