

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

February 14, 2022

ORDER AMENDING PREVIOUS COUNCIL ORDER IN REGARD TO THE ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER ELBRIDGE G. KELLEY SCHOOL

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Newburyport as follows:

WHEREAS, the Newburyport Youth Services Department was moved to their first independent operational facility at the former Elbridge G. Kelley School (“Kelley School”), located at 151 High Street, after it was formally closed by School Committee vote on April 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Newburyport Youth Services Department relocated to the Brown School Site from the former Kelley School in 2014 and operated there within the gymnasium and the ground floor of the schoolhouse building, together as the “Newburyport Rec Center” until October 2021; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014, the City Council designated, by supermajority vote, the Kelley School as surplus property including language stating that the “...proceeds from the sale or lease of the property to be used at the discretion of the Mayor, for either supplementing the School Department budget or for the purposes of funding capital improvements required at the Brown School necessary for the conversion of this facility to function (in part) as the Newburyport Youth Services facility”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newburyport has been conducting efforts towards securing a permanent facility for the department; and

WHEREAS, The City Council and Mayor have agreed that there may be value in rehabilitating the Brown School gym for use by the community; and

WHEREAS, the abutters, neighborhood, and City at-large have had to watch the Brown School, a historic structure, continue to deteriorate and languish with little maintenance and no substantive improvements for many years; and

WHEREAS, the Brown School is currently under consideration for reuse in the context of the neighborhood and the overlay zoning as well as other factors; and

WHEREAS, the Brown School remains a City asset and has not been declared surplus, in whole or in part, by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the sale of the Kelley School (sold on October 3, 2016 for \$750,000) has a balance of \$695,500 (with \$54,500 already spent by approval of the City Council on May 13, 2019 for Newburyport High School exterior woodwork), represents available funds that are limited as to use by the original order language from 2014;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT, the Council hereby amends that Council Order dated May 19, 2014 relative to the former Kelley School, adopted on June 6, 2014 (*a copy of which is attached hereto*) to provide instead that “... \$250,000.00 from sale of the property may be used, at the discretion of the Mayor for either supplementing the School Department budget or for the purposes of funding capital improvements required at the Brown School necessary for the conversion of this facility to function (in part) as the Newburyport Youth Services facility for any and all costs associated with the establishment of a location for the Newburyport Youth Services (NYS) Department, consistent with its departmental mission.

And, further, that \$250,000.00, may be utilized for and planning, maintenance, improvement or for any or all other costs associated with the Brown School subject to the same discretion of the Mayor.

And, finally, that \$195,500.00, may be utilized for the benefit of the Newburyport School Department subject to the same discretion of the Mayor.”

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT all other terms of said Original Council Order shall remain unaltered by this amendment.

Councillor Sharif I. Zeid
Ward 1 City Councillor, Chair Budget and Finance

Councillor Jennie L. Donahue
Ward 2 City Councillor

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ORDERED:

May 19, 2014

THAT pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40, Sections 15 and 15A the City Council of the City of Newburyport hereby designate the former Kelley School (*formally closed by the School Committee by vote of April 23, 2007, and now operating as the Newburyport Youth Services facility*) as surplus property, no longer needed by the City for such purposes or for other public purposes (*based upon the anticipated relocation of Newburyport Youth Services to the Brown School*), and further (*consistent with the April 7, 2014 vote of the School Committee*) that the Council hereby transfers the care, custody, management and control of said building and the land upon which it stands (*151 High Street, Assessors Map 35 Lot 161*) to the Mayor for the purposes of further conveyance, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Mayor deems appropriate, provided that a condition of the sale or lease of said property shall be a duly recorded Preservation Restriction for the protection of the historic facades of said building, and provided that the City Council Planning and Development Committee shall have an opportunity to review and comment on the Request for Proposals (RFP) and Purchase and Sale (P&S) Agreement during the disposition process (including the minimum required bid and proposed purchase price, accordingly), and further that the proceeds from sale or lease of the property may be used, at the discretion of the Mayor, for either supplementing the School Department budget or for the purposes of funding capital improvements required at the Brown School necessary for the conversion of this facility to function (*in part*) as the Newburyport Youth Services facility. It is acknowledged herein that any further disposition (*lease or sale*) of the Brown School will be subject to transfer and approvals by both the School Committee and City Council, pending relocation of students and faculty to the new Bresnahan School.


Councillor Ed Cameron


Councillor Meghan Kinsey

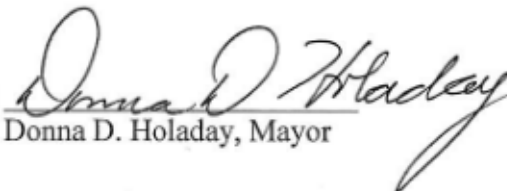
In City Council April 15, 2014

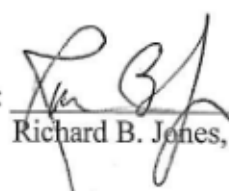
Motion to approve by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Giunta. Motion withdrawn. Motion to refer to Planning & Development by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Cronin. Roll call vote, 10 yes, 1 absent (Kinsey). So voted.

In City Council June 6, 2014

Councillor Cameron moved to refer revised Kelley School Order to P&D, seconded by Councillor Kinsey. Councillor Cameron moved to remove revised Kelley School Order, seconded by Councillor Herzog. So Voted.

Councillor Cameron moved to approve, seconded by Councillor Tontar. Motion passed on a Roll Call vote, 10 Yes, 1 Absent (Heartquist).

Approve: 
Donna D. Holaday, Mayor

Attest: 
Richard B. Jones, City Clerk

Date: 6/13/2014