

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

June 27, 2022

AN ORDER TO FILE AND ACCEPT GRANTS WITH AND FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PARKLAND ACQUISITIONS AND RENOVATIONS FOR COMMUNITIES PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPANSION OF MARKET LANDING PARK

Whereas: Market Landing Park is by and far a community-wide asset and the preservation and improvements to this facility are a City priority as evidenced in the most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

Whereas: The land for Market Landing Park Expansion has been dedicated for park and conservation uses pursuant to a Special Act of the Massachusetts Legislature (*Chapter 96 of the Acts of 2020*); and

Whereas: Market Landing Park's ultimate expansion, guided in principal by Chapter 96 of the Acts of 2020, will greatly enhance this facility with improved infrastructure, connected pathways, additional seating and site amenities, etc.; and

Whereas: The main focus of Market Landing Park Expansion is to increase the available space within the park to adequately serve the general public and continue to host major events and activities; and

Whereas: The overall project costs and fiscal budget constraints prevent the City from proceeding forward with implementation of the entirety as one project; and

Whereas: The project has instead been viewed as a series of phases, to be implemented over time, by priority as fiscal resources are available, with the intention of securing grant funding, when and if available, to assist in this effort; and

Whereas: The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program (301 CMR 5.00); and

Whereas: Phase I of the Market Landing Park Expansion Project is estimated to cost a total of \$4,650,000 (Four Million Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) and the City has secured \$1,250,000 in local Herman Roy Trust funds and Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds for the construction thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Mayor and Director of Planning & Development be and are hereby authorized to submit applications for, and to accept grants from, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for the construction of Market Landing Park Expansion, including but not limited to the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities grant program (301 CMR 5.00); and
2. That the land for said Market Landing Park Expansion (*Newburyport Assessors Map & Lots 11-1-A, 11-1-C 11-1-D, 11-1-E, 11-1-F collectively*) is hereby dedicated to park and recreation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and
3. That the Mayor and Director of Planning & Development be and are hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department; and
4. That this Order shall take effect upon passage.

Councillor Heather L. Shand