

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

January 30, 2023

AN ORDER UPDATING THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ADAPTIVE REUSE OF BROWN SCHOOL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2022, the City Council approved Order 324 (ORDR00324_03_14_2022), as amended, establishing the Ad Hoc Committee on Adaptive Reuse of the Brown School Property; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022 the City Council approved Communication 432 (COMM00432_09_12_2022) amending the Membership and Proposed Timeline referenced in the prior Order 324, including anticipated completion of the Committee's work by February 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee on Adaptive Reuse of the Brown School Property has met several times since its establishment, and on December 15, 2022 a vote was taken to pursue issuance of a Request for Expressions of Interest (*or RFI*) in relation to future uses of the former Brown School property in advance of any formal vote of surplus property designation, authorization for disposition and issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP);

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby updates the Membership and Proposed Timeline for said Ad Hoc Committee as follows:

Members:

1. Councillor Bruce Vogel, Councilor at Large (*Ad Hoc Chair*)
2. Councillor Jennie Donahue, Ward 2 City Councilor
3. Councillor Connie Preston, At-Large, Member of Planning and Development Committee
4. Councillor Byron Lane, Ward 6 City Councilor
5. Councillor Sharif Zeid, Ward 1 City Councilor

Ex Officio (Non-Voting) Members:

1. Sean Reardon, Mayor
2. Andrew Port, Director of Planning & Development
3. Designee of Mayor Reardon
4. Madeline Nash, Co-Chair, Newburyport Affordable Housing Trust
5. Karen Wiener, Member of Newburyport Affordable Housing Trust
6. Christine Madore, Facilitator, Massachusetts Housing Partnership

Proposed Timeline (*prospective*):

January/February 2023 Committee meetings to discuss and finalize draft Request for Expressions Interest (RFI) terms and provisions (*general outline*) with allowance for public comment in relation thereto.

The Committee shall determine the general format and terms for the RFI. This is not a formal procurement/disposition process intended to satisfy the statutory/regulatory prerequisites for legal disposition (*sale/lease*) of municipal property, and the results and any responses thereto shall not be binding on the City. The purpose of this RFI is to gather sufficient information from the private and non-profit sector as to what adaptive reuse options may be feasible and of interest in the current market.

March/April 2023 Office of Planning & Development to issue final and complete RFI in proper form based on the Committee’s outline for said RFI.

Upon formal issuance of said RFI the Council’s Ad Hoc Committee on Adaptive Reuse of the Brown School shall be dissolved forthwith and without a further vote of the Council.

Director of Planning & Development to provide compiled RFI responses (“Expressions of Interest”) and a summary thereof to the Mayor and Council for further consideration as to the appropriate scope of any adaptive reuse program applicable to the Brown School Property, terms and provisions for surplus property designation, authorization for disposition and/or the issuance of a formal Request for Proposals (RFP) in relation thereto.

Councillor Heather L. Shand

Councillor Bruce L. Vogel

In City Council January 30, 2023:

Motion to refer ORDR00414 to Budget & Finance, to refer ORDR00415 to General Government, and to refer ORDR00417, ORDR00418, and ORDR00419 to Community Services by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 11 yes (1 remote, BL). Motion passes.