

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

February 27, 2023

AN ORDER TO APPROVE AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (RFI) IN RELATION TO THE FORMER 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 February 22, 2023 a vote was taken to approve the attached outline for substantive terms to be included within a Request for Expressions of Interest (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); and

WHEREAS, said RFI 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; and

WHEREAS, 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby approves the attached outline for substantive terms to be included within a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFI) for the former Brown School Property; and

FURTHER, the City Council hereby forwards this approved outline to the Mayor and Director of Planning and Development with a request for their assistance: (a) towards the issuance of an RFI consistent with the attached outline; and (b) by forwarding a copy of all formal responses to said RFI ultimately received to the City Council for review and consideration in relation to any final disposition and adaptive reuse of the former Brown School property; and

FURTHER, upon approval of this Order the Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Adaptive Reuse of the Brown School shall be dissolved forthwith.

Councillor Heather L. Shand

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Motion refer to General Government and COTW by Councillor Vogel, seconded by Councillor Khan. Roll call vote. 9 yes, 2 no (BL, SZ). Motion passes.