

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

September 26, 2023

AN ORDER TO ACCEPT A STATE “PLANNING ASSISTANCE” GRANT TO FACILITATE REZONING EFFORTS FOR THE COMMERCIAL AREA LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF STOREY AVE AND LOW STREET

ORDERED:

WHEREAS, The City of Newburyport seeks to consider the adoption of new zoning for the commercial area located at the intersection of Storey Ave and Low Street in Newburyport’s West End; and

WHEREAS, such rezoning may further the City’s overall goals for economic development, and the creation of new housing units at preferred locations within the City through greater allowance of, and streamlined permitting for, the construction of multi-family and mixed-use projects; and

WHEREAS, such redevelopment patterns may “re-envision” the Storey Ave commercial area as a third walkable mixed-use “village center” within the City, where new growth and development can be targeted (*beyond Downtown Newburyport and the more recent 40R Smart Growth District*); and

WHEREAS, the Office of Planning & Development recently applied for, and was awarded, a so-called “Planning Assistance Grant” in the amount of \$50,000 to obtain consultant assistance toward the aforementioned rezoning effort (*a copy of which is attached hereto for reference*),

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby approves, accepts and authorizes use of, the following state grant:

State Agency: Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs
Grant Name: Planning Assistance Grant (Land Use Planning Grant Program)
Amount: \$50,000
Department: Office of Planning & Development
Purpose: Consultant Assistance with Storey Ave Area Rezoning Effort

Councillor James J. McCauley

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Motion to collectively refer ORDR00490 to Planning & Development, ORDR00491, ORDR00493, to Budget & Finance, ORDR00492 Budget & Finance and COTW, ORDR00494, ORDR00495, ORDR00496 to Community Services by Councillor McCauley, seconded by Councillor Preston. Roll call vote. 10 yes, 1 absent. Motion passes.