

# CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

**ORDERED:**

November 8, 2021

**AN ORDER (1) AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A 2.7-ACRE PORTION OF 57 LOW STREET, (2) APPROPRIATING \$225,000 TO PURCHASE AND REMEDIATE SUCH PROPERTY FOR IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY BY YOUTH SERVICES, (3) ASSIGNING CUSTODY TO YOUTH SERVICES, AND (4) APPROPRIATING \$200,000 TO REOPEN THE BROWN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

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

- 1) The City Council approves and authorizes the purchase of that portion of the real property commonly known as 57 Low Street, depicted in the attached plan as Lot A-1, for the sale price of Two-Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars and (\$220,000): (a) for general municipal purposes, with the exception of that portion of Lot A-1 to be reserved for open space and conservation purposes; and (b) for open space and conservation purposes as to that portion of Lot A-1 depicted in the attached "Area of Conservation Restriction.
- 2) The City Council appropriates the sum of **Two-Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$225,000)** from Special Revenue Fund No. 2760 (Sale of Municipal Buildings) to pay the costs (a) to purchase Lot A-1, and (b) to remediate mold and otherwise prepare, as soon practicable, the building at Lot A-1 for safe occupancy by the Newburyport Youth Services department.
- 3) Upon acquisition of Lot A-1, pursuant to M.G.L c. 40, § 15A, the City Council authorizes transfer of care, custody, management, and control of such Lot A-1 to the Youth Services department.
- 4) The City Council appropriates the sum of **Two-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000)** from Special Revenue Fund No. 2760 (Sale of Municipal Buildings), to pay the costs to repair and/or improve: (a) the gymnasium of the former Brown School to enable its reopening for municipal purposes (including installation of a heating system), as soon as practicable; and (b) to secure the remainder the former Brown School, now unoccupied, against weather, trespass, and damage.
- 5) The remaining balance in Special Revenue Fund No. 2760 (Sale of Municipal Buildings) of **Two-Hundred and Sixty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$268,500)** shall remain available for future appropriation by vote of the City Council.

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Councillor Sharif I. Zeid, Ward 1

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Councillor Jared J. Eigerman, Ward 2

**In City Council November 8, 2021:**

Motion to refer ORDR300, ORDR301, and ORDR309 to Budget & Finance and COTW collectively by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Vogel. So voted.

**In City Council December 13, 2021:**

Motion to invoke Rule 7H to collectively move to next City Council Session by Councillor Zeid, seconded by Councillor Devlin. Motion to separate the question by Councillor Tontar, seconded by Councillor Khan. Roll call vote. 6 no, 5 yes (HS, CT, BV, BC, AK). Motion fails. Motion on floor. Roll call vote. 6 yes, 5 no (HS, CT, BV, BC, AK). Motion passes.

Plan of "Area of Conservation Restriction (Transfer of Control)"

