

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDERED:

February 14, 2022

ORDER AMENDING PREVIOUS COUNCIL ORDER IN REGARD TO THE ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE MUNICIPAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE FORMER ELBRIDGE G. KELLEY SCHOOL

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

WHEREAS, the Newburyport Youth Services Department was moved to their first independent operational facility at the former Elbridge G. Kelley School (“Kelley School”), located at 151 High Street, after it was formally closed by School Committee vote on April 23, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Newburyport Youth Services Department relocated to the Brown School Site from the former Kelley School in 2014 and operated there within the gymnasium and the ground floor of the schoolhouse building, together as the “Newburyport Rec Center” until the building was closed due to the failed heating system in October 2021; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014, the City Council designated the Kelley School as surplus property including language stating that the “...proceeds from the sale or lease of the property to be used at the discretion of the Mayor, for either supplementing the School Department budget or for the purposes of funding capital improvements required at the Brown School necessary for the conversion of this facility to function (in part) as the Newburyport Youth Services facility”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newburyport administration and Director of Newburyport Youth Services have been conducting efforts towards securing the necessary funding and location for a permanent facility for the department; and

WHEREAS, the proceeds from the sale of the Kelley School (sold on October 3, 2016 for \$750,000) has a balance of \$695,500 (with \$54,500 already spent by approval of the City Council on May 13, 2019 for

Newburyport High School exterior woodwork), represents available funds that are limited as to use by the original order language from 2014;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Council hereby amends that Council Order dated May 19, 2014 relative to the former Kelley School, adopted on June 6, 2014 (*a copy of which is attached hereto*) to provide instead that “*...the proceeds from sale of the property may be used, at the discretion of the Mayor, ~~for either supplementing the School Department budget or for the purposes of funding capital improvements required at the Brown School necessary for the conversion of this facility to function (in part) as the Newburyport Youth Services facility~~ for any and all costs associated with the establishment of a location for the Newburyport Youth Services (NYS) Department, consistent with its departmental mission.*”

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT all other terms of said Original Council Order shall remain unaltered by this amendment.

Councilor Afroz K. Khan

Councilor Edward C. Cameron, Jr.