

Surplus Lands Development Task Force

Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Electronic Participation

Members:

Councillors Karrie Porter (Chair), Carlos Garcia, Greg Miller, Sal Sorrento, and Mayor Walter Sendzik

Staff:

Margaret Josipovic, Project Expeditor

Justin Kelly, Purchasing Agent, Financial Management Services

David Oakes, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (arrived at 4:08 p.m.)

Heather Salter, Director of Legal and Clerks Services / City Solicitor (arrived at 4:17 p.m.)

Stephanie Tripp, Manager of Realty and Insurance Services

Kristen Sullivan, Deputy City Clerk

1. **Call meeting to order**

The Chair, Councillor Porter, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**

The Chair acknowledged that the land on which the Task Force meets is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. This gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. **Motion to approve the agenda**

Moved by: Councillor Garcia

Seconded by: Councillor Miller

That the agenda for September 30, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

Moved by: Councillor Sorrento

Seconded by: Councillor Garcia

That the minutes of the March 13, 2020, meeting of the Surplus Lands Development Task Force be approved.

CARRIED

5. **Declarations of Interest**
There were none declared.

6. **Business**

8.1 6-8 Academy St.: Update on Negotiated RFP

Staff provided an overview of the memo included as part of the agenda and answered questions related to the lack of submissions to the RFP, opportunities to approach potential housing providers, and possible next steps.

Motion

Moved by: Mayor Sendzik

Seconded by: Councillor Miller

That staff be directed to approach Niagara Regional Housing about their interest in developing affordable housing at 6-8 Academy St., or their interest in entering into a partnership with another organization to develop affordable housing at that site.

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Amendment, voted on separately

Moved by: Councillor Garcia

That staff be given the discretion to negotiate a value for the property that is acceptable to potential housing providers even if that value is less than the market value of the property.

Vote on amendment:

Yeas: Councillors Garcia and Sorrento

Nays: Councillor Miller, Mayor Sendzik, and Chair Porter

Amendment LOST

Vote on Motion

Yeas: Mayor Sendzik, Councillor Miller, Councillor Sorrento and Chair Porter

Nays: Councillor Garcia

Motion CARRIED

8.2 320 Geneva St.: Verbal update and discussion of next steps

Staff advised that the City has released an RFP which closes October 7 for the provision of real estate brokerage services for this 320 Geneva St.. The successful proponent will develop a marketing strategy for the property taking into account Council's direction that the sale of the land shall include 1/3 affordable housing, 1/3 social housing and 1/3 market housing.

8.3 Other Business – NRP District 1 Site

Moved by: Mayor Sendzik

That Council direct the Surplus Lands Development Task Force to review the NRP District 1 site (68 Church St.).

Yeas: Mayor Sendzik, Councillors Garcia, Sorrento, Miller, and Chair Porter

Nays:

CARRIED

7. **Date of next meeting**

To be determined, likely late October

8. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by: Councillor Miller

That, there being no further items of business, this meeting be adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

CARRIED