

Town of East Hartford

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8-10-22

Redevelopment Agency

A Special Meeting of the **EAST HARTFORD REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY** was held in the Welling Conference Room of East Hartford Town Hall, on Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

1. Call to Order

Chair McCreery called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Present:

Ellen McCreery, Chair
Gerry Maine, Vice Chair
Tony Matta
John Ryan

Absent:

Others in Attendance:

Eileen Buckheit, Development Director
Richard Gentile, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Michael Daniels, Economic Development Coordinator

2. Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 5-18-2022.
Motion by Mr. Matta, seconded by Mr. Ryan, approved.

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 5-25-2022.
Motion by Mr. Matta, seconded by Mr. Ryan, approved.

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 5-31-2022.
Motion by Mr. Maine, seconded by Mr. Matta, approved.

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 6-10-2022.
Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Matta, approved.

Approval of minutes of public hearing, 7-20-2022.
Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Maine, approved.

Approval of minutes of special meeting, 7-20-2022.
Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Maine, approved.

3. **Communications: Receipt from Habitat for Humanity of North Central Connecticut of signed Contract For Sale of Land For Private Development (550-560 Burnside Avenue).**

Atty. Gentile presented the contract. He said the language is standard for redevelopment properties. It is possible Habitat for Humanity will ask for an extension to accommodate Planning & Zoning Approval.

4. **Action Item: Authorize Chair to execute Contract For Sale of Land For Private Development with Habitat for Humanity of North Central Connecticut, Inc. (550-560 Burnside Avenue) and related conveyance documentation.**

Move: To authorize the Chair to: (i) execute the Contract For Sale of Land For Private Development, in the general form received by this Agency, including such non-material amendments to such contract as the Town's Corporation Counsel's Office deems necessary and appropriate, which contract provides for the sale of 550-560 Burnside Avenue to Habitat for Humanity of North Central Connecticut, Inc. for the sum of \$100,000; and (ii) to execute all further documents as the Town's Corporation Counsel's Office deems necessary and appropriate to convey such property to Habitat for Humanity of North Central Connecticut.

Motion made by Mr. Matta, seconded by Mr. Ryan, approved 4-0.

5. **Old Business: Silver Lane Redevelopment Plan – discussion of acquisition of any priority properties by eminent domain.**

Ms. Buckheit explained that the Silver Lane Redevelopment Plan has been approved by the Town Council, and the next step is to consider the priority properties identified in the plan on an individual basis. The plan calls identifies Silver Lane Plaza as the top priority property. The Town has been unable to agree on a purchase price with the plaza's owner after good faith negotiation.

6. **Action Item: Possible vote to schedule a Public Hearing on acquisition of one or more priority properties (as identified in the Silver Lane Redevelopment Plan) by eminent domain.**

Move: That the East Hartford Redevelopment Agency hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 6:30 PM, in the Town Council Chambers, East Hartford Town Hall, 2nd Floor, 740 Main Street, East Hartford Connecticut, for the purpose of hearing public comment on the Town's *consideration of* acquisition by eminent domain, under a Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 130 Redevelopment Plan of the following properties:

- 1) **794-810 Silver Lane.** Tax Assessor's map/lot 45/130//
- 2) **818-850 Silver Lane.** Tax Assessor's map/lot 45/131//

Motion made by Mr. Matta, seconded by Mr. Ryan, approved 4-0.

Motion made by Mr. Matta, seconded by Mr. Maine, to specify the date and time as August 25, 2022 at 6:30 PM, approved 4-0.

Chair McCreery called for a Special Meeting of the Redevelopment Agency to take place immediately following the conclusion of the Public Hearing, also in the Town Council Chamber at East Hartford Town Hall.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Maine, approved 1:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Buckheit
Development Director

cc: Town Clerk
Development Department