



CITY OWNED PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022 @ 8:30 AM
RUTLAND CITY HALL, DOWNSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM

ATTENDANCE

COPC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Andrew Strniste, Chair
Brennan Duffy*
Ed Clark*
Michael Talbott
Matt Whitcomb

STAFF PRESENT:

Matt Bloomer, City Attorney
Mary Markowski, City Treasurer

* Denotes attendance via Go-To-Meeting

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- Members of the City-Owned Properties Committee convened on Go-To-Meeting and in the Downstairs Conference Room at Rutland City Hall @ 52 Washington Street around 8:25 AM.

[8:37] Chair Andrew Strniste called the meeting to order.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

[8:37] No additions or deletions were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

[8:37] No general public comments were provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATIONS

[8:38] Committee Member B. Duffy moved to find that premature general public knowledge regarding the City's Attorney analysis of a legal matter would clearly place the City at a substantial disadvantage because the discussion will include confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the City. The motion was approved unanimously. Committee Member M. Talbott moved to enter into executive session within the City Attorney and City Treasurer to discuss the City Attorney's analysis of a legal matter as allowed under Title 1, Section 313(a)(1)(F). The motion was approved unanimously.

[9:16] Committee Member M. Talbott made a motion to exit executive session, which was seconded by Board Member E. Clark. The motion was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS – APPLICATION DISCUSSION

- [9:16] Chair A. Strniste stated for the record that the Committee had discussed the positives and negatives of the various applications with Attorney Bloomer, as well as the implications of the financial arrangement with one of the applications. Committee Member M. Talbott stated for the record that he would be voting for Doug Walker, as the timeframe and the opportunity to be a first-time homeowner were contributing factors. Committee Member E. Clark agreed with Committee Member M. Talbott. Chair A. Strniste agreed with Committee Members E. Clark and M. Talbott, and also stated for the record that Applicant Kadima-Mazela submitted a very competitive application that was a close second; noting that the time period and lower bid were contributing factors in the Committee's selection of Doug Walker. He appreciated the submission and encouraged future application submissions. Committee Member B. Duffy also opined that Applicant Kadima-Mazela's submission was strong, and that the Committee appreciates his contribution to the City. Committee Member B. Duffy then stated that by selecting Doug Walker, the property would be going to a young family, and that the selection is consistent with other selections in the past.
- [9:20] Committee Member E. Clark made a motion to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the City-owned property located at 156 South Street be sold to Doug Walker for \$15,000.00. The motion was seconded by Committee Member M. Talbott and approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- [9:21] Chair A. Strniste informed the Committee that he has begun marketing the other four properties and that the Committee will reconvene in late-March.

OTHER BUSINESS

- [9:27] No other business was presented.

ADJOURN

- [10:09] Committee Member E. Clark made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.
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Respectfully Submitted by Andrew Strniste, Planning & Zoning Administrator