NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2020

TIME: 6:57 P.M.

PLACE: HELD REMOTELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE

GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS' MARCH 12, 2020 ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW G. L. C. 30A, SECTION 20 AND

THE CITY COUNCIL'S VOTE TO WAIVE RULE 21A

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS WILLIAM BRAD MARKEY, CHAIRMAN;

NAOMI CARNEY, VICE CHAIRPERSON; IAN ABREU; DEREK BAPTISTE; HUGH DUNN; MARIA GIESTA; BRIAN GOMES;

SCOTT LIMA; JOSEPH LOPES; LINDA MORAD

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR DEBORA COELHO

Councillor Markey called the City Property Committee Meeting to order and took attendance; the only absence was Councillor Debora Coelho.

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a COMMUNICATION, Mayor Mitchell, to City Council, submitting AN ORDER that the City acting through its City Property Committee issue an RFP for the purpose of acquiring the new site for the City of New Bedford Public Schools' Central Kitchen in substantially the same format as attached thereto (Ref'd 6/25/2020) (7/23/2020 tabled) was removed from the table by Councillor Morad and seconded by Councillor Lopes. (1, 1a)

Andrew O'Leary, Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations, gave an overview of the project recently discussed at the last meeting on 7/23/2020.

Councillor Morad asked if the Committee had the authority to put conditions on the RFP if they wished to and she was told by Attorney Gerwatowski, that yes, under code the Committee had the authority to do so.

Attorney Gerwatowski reminded the Committee that they would need to adopt two motions, one to call for the RFP to be initiated and where the authority to approve an RFP falls to the Property Committee in this case, a motion to have the School Committee return with their bids along with their recommendation of the location they would like.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Giesta, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee on City Property vote to acquire property by lease or by purchase for the purpose of acquiring a site for the public schools' central kitchen and that the proposals be solicited for said purpose. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

On motion by Councillor Lopes and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: That the Committee on City Property authorize the New Bedford Public Schools Department to proceed with issuing the Request For Proposals (RFP) in accordance with Chapter 30B, Section 16 of the General Laws and that all bids received by the School Department be submitted to the Committee on City Property, with any written recommendations that the School Department may choose to make to the Committee for selection. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 10, Nays 0.

Councillor Lopes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Abreu.

ATTEST

This meeting adjourned @ 7:15 p.m.

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Clerk of Committees