

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on behalf of the City of Lowell to request approval from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) of minor plan changes to the Ayer's City Industrial Park Revitalization and Development Plan.

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The Ayer's City Industrial Park Revitalization and Development Plan was approved and accepted by the City Council by Vote dated April 29, 2014, which Plan was further approved by the Department of Housing and Community Development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 29, 2014; and was amended by the City Council on February 13, 2018 (approved by DHCD on April 9, 2018); and

In furtherance of said Plan minor changes are necessary to add acquisition properties in the Ayer's City Industrial Park Revitalization and Development Plan; and

760 CMR 12:03 (1) requires that requests for minor plan changes to be submitted to DHCD require a vote from the operating agency adopting the plan change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE:

That in the furtherance of the Ayer's City Industrial Park Revitalization and Development Plan the City Manager, in the name of the City of Lowell, is authorized to request the following minor plan changes from DHCD:

- (1) Amend Project Location to reconfigure the boundaries to include the properties at 220 Tanner Street, 230 Tanner Street and 185 Lincoln Street as acquisition properties in the plan.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized, in the name of the City of Lowell, to submit a request for approval of the aforementioned minor plan changes to DHCD and to execute any documents as may be necessary in connection therewith.

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Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

Kara Keefe Mullin  
Assistant City Manager

October 13, 2020

Mayor John J. Leahy  
and  
Members of the City Council

REFERENCE: ADDING ACQUISITION PARCELS FOR THE TANNER STREET  
REALIGNMENT PROJECT TO BE ADDED IN THE AYER CITY  
INDUSTRIAL PARK REVITALIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
PLAN CHANGE #2

Dear Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council:

Attached please find a Vote authorizing a plan change to the Ayer City Industrial Park Revitalization and Development Plan to add certain parcels of land, either in fee or for permanent and/or temporary easements. The Vote is an administrative requirement for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

Specifically, the City is requesting to change the Ayer City Industrial Park Revitalization and Development Plan to add the following properties at the following locations as acquisition properties in the plan:

Parcel Added as "To Be Acquired"	Purpose for Addition	Notes
220 Tanner Street	Tanner Street Realignment - Phase 2	All takings are for new Tanner Street right-of-way and/or easements
230 Tanner Street		
185 Lincoln Street		

The Tanner Street Realignment project is seen as a catalyst investment by the City in order to transform the district from an area that has seen a lot of disinvestment for decades into a reinvigorated place enlivened by modern day industrial users and technologies. Adding these parcels to the Ayer City Plan acquisition list allows the City to negotiate the necessary takings over each property in order to clear the way for the project to take place.

The approval of this plan change by the City Council and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) will further enable the vision set forth in the Ayer's City Plan. Upon approval by the City Council the required submittal will be forwarded to DHCD for their action. The Vote to perform the necessary acquisitions over each parcel will be brought to the Council once DHCD has taken their action on the plan amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen M. Donoghue". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Eileen M. Donoghue  
City Manager

EMD/ns

Attachment

cc: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director  
Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor  
Christine Clancy, Commissioner of Public Works  
Craig Thomas, Deputy Director  
Joseph Giniewicz, Urban Renewal Project Manager