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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kevin J. Murphy, City Manager

FROM: Diane N. Tradd, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

SUBJECT: COUNCIL MOTION OF 2/13/18 BY COUNCILOR MERCIER
REQUEST CITY MANAGER PROVIDE AN UPDATE REGARDING PLAIN/TANNER CORRIDOR
REDEVELOPMENT PLANS INCLUDING THE EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON 168 PLAIN STREET
(LOWELL CAR WASH)

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) has been working with Watermark Environmental to complete the design and engineering for the realignment of Tanner Street, which signifies a significant step in fulfilling the redevelopment goals and objectives of the Ayer's City Industrial Park Revitalization and Development Plan. DPD and Watermark have made every effort to minimize the impact to each property involved in the realignment project.

As the design has progressed, a number of factors have come into play that has made it more advantageous to construct the project in two phases. Phase 1 of the project will stretch from Plain Street to Montreal Street. This phase will essentially impact two properties – the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 662 (VFW) and the Lowell Car Wash. At the end of 2017 the City Manager was authorized to enter into purchase and sale agreements with the VFW in order to facilitate this realignment project as well as VFW's redevelopment plans.

DPD contacted representatives of the Lowell Car Wash on January 3, 2018 and a meeting is scheduled for March 14th, once the property owners have returned from vacation. DPD is optimistic that an amicable agreement can be reached with Lowell Car Wash as was done with the VFW.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please feel free to contact Diane Tradd at the Department of Planning and Development at 978-674-1401 or Joe Giniewicz at 978-674-1445.

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3/2/18

cc: Claire V. Ricker, Chief Design Planner
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