



Lowell City Council

Economic/Downtown Dev. SC

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Date: March 3, 2020
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: City Council Chamber
375 Merrimack Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA

PRESENT:

Present on Roll Call were Chairman Elliott and C. Drinkwater. One absent (C. Chau). Also present C. Mercier, Joe Giniewicz (DPD), Claire Ricker (DPD), Maria Dickinson (DPD) and Christine McCall (DPD), C. Noun and Craig Thomas (DPD).

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairman Elliott called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Council Chamber.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

C. Elliott noted the motions referred to the subcommittee and commented on the federal Opportunity Zone Program. Ms. Ricker made presentation entitle "Opportunity Zones (OZ)" commenting on the process and the involvement of the State as well. Ms. Ricker noted program assisted low income areas that were developed through census tract. Ms. Ricker outlined the goals of the program and noted that it is used a lot for gap funding projects. C. Elliott questioned process use to inform potential developers to the funding source. Ms. Ricker noted City was involved in that process through regular channels. Ms. McCall commented on efforts by the department to inform developers of all possible programs. C. Elliott commented on the complexity with the program and possible tax benefits of same. Ms. McCall noted that there are benefits to the City as well.

C. Elliott moved discussion to Acre Plan updates. Mr. Giniewicz provide report regarding goals and success of the plan. C. Elliott commented on developers including Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Giniewicz commented on Muldoon property and the delays with cleaning the site. C. Elliott questioned parcels owned by the City. Ms. Ricker commented on the clean-up status at Muldoon property. C. Elliott commented on the Soucey property and requested update report on same. Ms. McCall identified possible future projects.



ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by C. Drinkwater, seconded by C. Elliott "To Adjourn". So voted.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

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