



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

August 17, 2023

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on City Property at a Meeting held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, considered a COMMUNICATION, AN ORDER and an EMINENT DOMAIN PACKET, submitted by Mayor Mitchell, that the City Solicitor obtain an appraisal of land for Assessors Map 23, Lot 158 (property known as the "Goodyear Site") and prepare an Order of Taking, for the purpose of acquiring a fee interest in the land, by eminent domain or other legal means; the acquisition is needed for construction of a new facility serving Grades K-5 on an alternative site to consolidate the student populations of the existing James B. Congdon and John B. DeValles Elementary Schools.

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council ADOPTION of the ORDER, requesting that the City Solicitor obtain an appraisal of land for Assessors Map 23, Lot 158 (property known as the "Goodyear Site") and prepare an Order of Taking, for the purpose of acquiring a fee interest in the land, by eminent domain or other legal means; the acquisition is needed for construction of a new facility serving Grades K-5 on an alternative site to consolidate the student populations of the existing James B. Congdon and John B. DeValles Elementary Schools. This motion passed on a roll call vote of Yeas 9, Nays 0 with Councillor Abreu – yes; Councillor Baptiste – yes; Councillor Burgo – yes; Councillor Carney – yes; Councillor Giesta – yes; Councillor Lima – yes; Councillor Markey – yes; Councillor Morad – yes; Councillor Oliver – yes (Councillor Pereira was not present for vote.)

IN COMMITTEE ON CITY PROPERTY

Maria E. Giesta

Councillor Maria E. Giesta, Chairperson

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