PORTSMOUTH CITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CAMPUS

City Council Sep 20, 2021

Action Taken:
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A. CITY MANAGER CONARD

Authorization of Purchase and Sale for Acquisition of Community Campus

1. **Authorization for Purchase and Sale for Acquisition of Community Campus:**

The Foundation for Seacoast Health has announced their intent to sell Community Campus tothe City of Portsmouth. Following a three-year strategic planning process and keeping in mindtheir goal to maintain the campus' original vision as a multi-tenant non-profit center, while adding new resources to benefit the community, the Foundation has determined the City to bethe ideal buyer to manage the Campus.

The City has made the decision to move forward with a letter of intent with the Foundation forSeacoast Health. The opportunity for the City to acquire such a significant property and determine the future use of that site could not be more ideal, and offers the City tremendous potential to reinforce the Recreation and School Department programs and overall facilities. This is the type of strategic investment that will truly serve as a positive impact for generations to come, and I would be happy to answer any additional questions at this evening's meeting.

I recommend that the City Council move to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement to be brought back to the Council for final approval, and to refer this acquisition to the Planning Board for its review and report back.

Packet with Letter of intent (September 8, 2021)

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Action Taken:

Authorization of Purchase and Sale for Acquisition of Community Campus – Voted to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a purchase and sale agreement to be brought back to the Council for final approval, and to refer this acquisition to the Planning Board for its review and report back.

City Council Dec 6, 2021

Actions Taken:
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Request for Public Hearing and Adoption of Bond Resolution in the Amount of $10,000,000.00 for the Acquisition of Community Campus – Voted to authorize the City Manager to bring back for public hearing and adoption, a resolution for the purchase of the Community Campus using various revenues sources and bonding, as presented, for the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting.

Request for Public Hearing Regarding Supplemental Appropriation for Operating Expenses of Community Campus Upon Acquisition for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 – Voted to establish a public hearing at the December 20, 2021 City Council meeting for the purposes of considering a proposed Supplemental Appropriations Resolution in the

amount of $116,000.00 to cover operational expenses for the Community Campus

City Council Dec 20, 2021
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RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $10,000,000.00 TO PAY COSTS OF ACQUIRING THE COMMUNITY CAMPUS FROM THE FOUNDATION FOR SEACOAST HEALTH INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS INCIDENTAL AND RELATED THERETO. USING VARIOUS REVENUE SOURCES TO INCLUDE A BOND ISSUE, AND OR SOURCES TO INCLUDE $5,190,000.00 OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS WHICH WERE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2021 AS WELL AS A BOND ISSUE AND/OR NOTES OF UP TO $3,250,000.00 (Two-Thirds Vote Required)

Mayor Becksted read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers.

- Carl Diemer spoke in support of the resolution and said the Recreation Board voted to support the resolution. He spoke to a new needs assessment which will be done in June. He thanked the City Council and City Manager for the support for the pickle ball courts and renovations, it was money well spent.
- Adam Kolwaski, Edge Sports, spoke in support of the funding and said it would be a great location for a sports complex. He said an ice arena is needed in the community and would be cost beneficial.
- John Pendleton comments read by Adam expressed support of an ice arena for the community. It would be an asset to the community and its youth. The letter spoke to Mr. Pendleton's support of bonding for the land and moving the resolution forward.
- Matthew Westor said there are no indoor facilities for softball and we need an indoor arena for such sports. He said that most Portsmouth teams need to travel to other communities in order to play. He said a complex will also have an impact on economic development for the community.
- Elizabeth Barrett spoke in support of the resolution and relocating the Lister Academy to the Community Campus facility.

With no further speakers, Mayor Becksted declared the public hearing closed.

Councilor Lazenby moved to adopt the proposed resolution, as presented. Seconded by Assistant Mayor Splaine. On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FROM UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF THE COMMUNITY CAMPUS UPON ACQUISITION FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING IN JUNE 30, 2022. THE CITY COUNCIL HAS DETERMINED THAT THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN ($116,000.00) DOLLARS IS TO BE APPROPRIATED (TwoThirds Vote Required)

Mayor Becksted read the legal notice, declared the public hearing open and called for speakers.

- Carl Diemer thanked the City Council for the vote on Community Campus. As Chair of the Recreation Board he expressed their support and how it will provide many opportunities for them.

After three calls and no further speakers, Mayor Becksted declared the public hearing

closed.

Councilor Kennedy moved to adopt the proposed resolution in the amount of $116,000.00 as presented. Seconded by Councilor Huda. On a unanimous roll call vote 9-0, motion passed.