

~AD HOC REPORT~
Release of City Easements to Savings Bank of Danbury
January 24, 2024

Committee Chair Joseph Britton called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. Present were Committee Members Diane LaPine and Irving Fox. From the City were Farley Santos, Mayor's Office; Antonio Iadarola, Director of Public Works and City Engineer; Jennifer Emminger, Deputy Planning Director; Robert Fisher, Outside Counsel for Corporation Counsel; and Petitioner representatives: Nick (inaudible), Joseph (inaudible), and Douglas (inaudible). Ex Officio members present were; Andrea Gartner, Duane Perkins and Frank Salvatore.

Chair Britton asked Mr. Iadarola to provide an overview of the request. Mr. Iadarola explained that this request is for the release of seven city easements to Savings Bank of Danbury. The easements were granted to the City in 1980's to foster economic development initiatives, clean up over head utilities, and add potential traffic control utilities. The easements were intended to go back to the utility company but never were, and he confirmed that there are no existing city utilities in the easements now. Member Fox asked about how the adjoining properties are being served, Mr. Iadarola noted that there are utilities coming from other areas and the project would provide new utilities. Member LaPine asked about the location of the easements. (Unidentified) provided visuals of the plans, and discussed the status of the project. Member LaPine asked about the status of use of the easements, (unidentified) confirmed that the area of the easements are not being used.

Mr. Duane Perkins asked for clarification on the use of the new utilities by adjacent property owners. Member Fox asked about existing utilities that current property owners are using and clarified that property owners will not lose access to utilities. Chair Britton asked for the identification of properties that the Bank does not yet own. He asked for a referral letter from the Engineering Department which Iadarola said he would provide.

Member LaPine asked for confirmation that the city will not need the easements; Mr. Iadarola explained that they have not been used so far and will likely not be needed.

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox and seconded by Committee Member LaPine, to recommend to the full city council adoption of the resolution authorizing Mayor Robert Alves to execute such instruments as are necessary and approved by the office of Corporation Counsel to release or transfer interest in any of the easements shown by the easement map, as described in the resolution provided, 1. to release pr transfer by quick claim to Savings bank of Danbury its interest in easements C,D, E and G shown on easement map, and described in the resolution, at such time that the Savings Bank of Danbury has granted the easements, or easements necessary to provide utility services to its properties and adjacent properties presently provided utility services through said easements, 2. To release or transfer back by quick claim to Savings bank of Danbury its interest in easements A, B and F shown on easement map, and described in the resolution, at such time that the Savings Bank of Danbury has granted A. the easements, or easements necessary to provide utility services to its properties and adjacent properties presently provided utility services through said easements or B. The City of Danbury has bene provided with written correspondence from the relevant utility companies that no said easements are required. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Committee Member LaPine, and seconded by Committee Member Fox, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. **The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Britton, Chair
Diane LaPine
Irving Fox