



Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee – Board of Representatives

Virgil de la Cruz, Co-Chair

Charles Pia, Jr., Co-Chair

Committee Report

Date: Wednesday, December 20, 2017
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center

The Land Use-Urban Redevelopment Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chair de la Cruz, Co-Chair Pia and Committee Member Reps. Cottrell, Graziosi, Lee, Lion, Michelson and Sherwood. Absent or excused was Rep. Summerville. Also present were Rep. Matherne, Jim Travers, Traffic Bureau Chief and Kathryn Emmett, Corporation Counsel.

Co-Chair de la Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. LU30.001	RESOLUTION <u>and public hearing</u> ; Approving the purchase of 328 Greenwich Avenue, Stamford, CT. 11/29/17 – Submitted by Mayor Martin 11/28/17 – Approved by Planning Board 12/14/17 – Approved by Board of Finance	Approved 7-0-1

Co-Chair de la Cruz opened the public hearing. There being no members of the public present wishing to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Ms. Emmett and Mr. Travers discussed this item with the Committee as follows:

- The Board is being asked to approve the purchase of this property for an intersection improvement project
- The purchase has been approved by the Planning Board and the Board of Finance
- The City had been in process to take the property by eminent domain, but then reached an agreement with the owner
- The Greenwich/Pulaski redesign project began in 2005
- The addition of the improvement of the Selleck/Southfield intersection came out of community hearings last spring
- The project is an intersection realignment and will bring much needed relief to traffic in the area
- The building is a small, unoccupied structure just against the property line
- The current parking lot will become a community parking lot
- The City accepted the owner's appraisal; the price was within the range of the fair market value of the property and there was a benefit to the city to purchase for this price rather than go through eminent domain and possibly incur several years of delay
- This, along with the roundabout at Greenwich/Pulaski will provide tremendous traffic relief
- The \$750,000 for the Selleck/Southfield intersection project is being funded by the developer as a prerequisite for development

- The designs need to be approved by the State and there will be future community meetings; the expectation is that work will start at the beginning of the summer and last for 9 months
- There is a letter of commitment from the State to fund the roundabout for \$2.1 million

A motion to approve this item was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-1 (Reps. de la Cruz, Pia, Cottrell, Lee, Lion, Michelson and Sherwood in favor; Rep. Graziosi abstaining).

Co-Chair de la Cruz adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil de la Cruz, Co-Chair

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