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BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT AGENDA

DPW Conference Room, 3rd Floor City Hall
Wednesday October 2, 2013

OLD BUSINESS

72 Court Street. Offer to Purchase 72 Court Street for \$1, submitted by 33 State Street Associates on August 1, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development on August 2, 2013. Tom Costello responded on August 2, 2013, stating that he is not in favor of this offer, submitted without a plan for development that addresses the primary use for the proposed purchase and related impact on adjacent parcels. In addition, the proposed purchase price seems unrealistic. Scott Snyder responded on August 7, 2013 stating that he agreed with Tom Costello's recommendations. Tarik Abdelazim responded on August 21, 2013, stating that so long as Building and Engineering concerns are addressed (detailed plan with fire safety issues raised, investigation of right-of-way issues, higher sales price), PHCD has no objections to the sale, as the future use of the lot as a downtown park would still be feasible. Philip T. Krey met with Allan Pope, representing both owners of the two adjoining buildings, and discussed the installation of a fire escape. The Board discussed maintaining the parcel as a separate lot, in case the larger portion of 72 Court Street is developed at a future date, with the added condition that the parcel would be re-conveyed to the City for the same purchase price should development of the larger parcel take place. Kenneth J. Frank met with Scott Snyder, who is not in favor of the plan to sell a portion of the lot with the opportunity for the City to purchase it at a later date. Corporation Counsel would entertain granting either a license or an easement for the portion requested, with the understanding that the City or any owner of the remaining portion of 72 Court Street could build above. Corporation Counsel wrote to the applicant's attorney; no response received.

37 Pine Street (Greenman Senior Center). The Board of Estimate and Apportionment rejected all existing bids, and directed the Purchasing Agent to advertise the sale once more, requesting sealed bids.

9 Way Street. Review recommendations from the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development regarding sale of 9 Way Street.

29 Munsell Street. Richard Woodruff, owner of 27 Munsell Street, called on August 23, 2013, expressing interest in 29 Munsell Street for additional yard space. He submitted an Offer to Purchase in 2011 which was rejected. The Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development recommended retaining the parcel for potentially larger private development. The applicant called to see if the City's position has changed. Tarik Abdelazim responded on August 23, 2013, stating that he would support a one-year lease, with the option of annual renewal, as it may be a few years before the City is able to assemble enough parcels to solicit redevelopment proposals. If the Board of Estimate and Apportionment agrees to a lease, Abdelazim would recommend that the parcel be kept as green space, with no structures, pavement or fencing. The Board requested that this proposal be shared with the applicant, and requested a formal proposal if the applicant is interested. Tarik Abdelazim will contact the applicant.

32 Evans Street. Offer to Purchase 32 Evans Street for \$1, submitted by Kraig M. Brigham, Jr. on August 22, 2013. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development on August 23, 2013. Scott Snyder responded on August 23, 2013, stating that he will defer to PHCD's recommendation. Tarik Abdelazim responded on August 23, 2013, stating that the applicant submitted the winning \$1 proposal for 23 Alfred Street, adjacent to 32 Evans Street. The applicant intends to build a



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single-family home at 23 Alfred Street, and mentioned potential inclusion of 32 Evans Street in his redevelopment plans. PHCD supports the sale with two conditions: (a) PHCD must review the plans for 32 Evans Street first; and (2) the sales price should be consistent with sales prices for other vacant lots, \$100-\$500. Applicant submitted site plan on September 30, 2013. PHCD is reviewing.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment meeting held on September 25, 2013.

Budget Transfer. Request to transfer \$9,000 from budget line A1650.54410 (Professional Services) to budget line A1650.54142 (Traffic Safety Materials) to cover a shortage. Submitted by Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works.

Budget Transfer. Request to transfer \$200 from budget line A7020.54610 (Building/Equip. Repair) to budget line A7020.54702 (Subscriptions, Dues & Memberships) to cover the cost of a subscription to the Press & Sun Bulletin. Submitted by Bill Barber, Director of Parks & Recreation.