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## BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT

### MEETING MINUTES

DPW Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall

Wednesday January 9, 2013

**Call to Order.** Called to order at 11:20am by Charles Pearsall, Comptroller.

**Present:** Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works

**Absent:** Matthew T. Ryan, Mayor

**Also Present:** Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy Comptroller; Angela Holmes, City Clerk

### ITEMS CONSIDERED

**85 Glenwood Avenue.** Offer to Purchase 85 Glenwood Avenue for \$500, submitted by Kathryn Sirsen on June 27, 2012. Sent to the Assessor's Office, the Office of Building & Construction/Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development on June 28, 2012. Scott Snyder responded on June 28, 2012 stating that he does not object to the sale as long as the proposed portion of the lot to be bought is combined with the owners adjoining property. Tom Costello responded June 28, 2012 stating he has no objection to the sale, with the caveat that sufficient frontage along Glenwood Avenue should be reserved for future development consistent with existing character of the neighborhood (Neighborhood Commercial). Caroline Quidort responded June 28, 2012 stating that the PHCD has no objection to the sale of 85 Glenwood Avenue. Angela Holmes contacted the applicant on July 26, 2012 to inquire whether or not a metes and bounds survey was obtained. Applicant responded on July 31, 2012, stating that a metes and bounds survey was not obtained; the applicant submitted a deed description instead. Caroline Quidort responded on August 22, 2012 stating that the submitted document seems to describe the transfer of two previously subdivided lots ("lot 2" and "lot 3"), a one re-formed lot, to one party in 1980. Ms. Quidort stated that while the lot dimensions described in the document roughly measure those of the proposed subdivision and sale, there are some discrepancies between the stated lot dimensions and those measured on site and indicated on the current Broome County tax map, particularly along the northern property line. While the Broome County tax map data is not exact, it appears that an accurate survey of the property should be required prior to subdivision and sale to Ms. Sirsen. Phil Krey presented a topographical survey of the property to E&A on October 24, 2012, and stated that Planning will need to compare this map with the deed description to see if the two records are consistent. E&A noted that the City cannot subdivide the property without obtaining a metes and bounds survey from the applicant. Tarik Abdelazim responded on December 5, 2012, and stated PHCD has no objection to splitting the lot, and allowing the applicant to acquire the portion that faces Miles Street, provided that the applicant would need to obtain a professional survey.

**Offer to Purchase Approval Process.** The Assessor's Office, the Office of Building & Construction/Code Enforcement and the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development will compile a list of City-owned properties available for sale.

**Discussion.** MacArthur School. Presented by Kenneth J. Frank.

**Bond Ordinance.** Request to bond for \$3,500,000, and to submit a Request to Legislation before City Council for an "Ordinance authorizing the demolition of flood-damaged homes, stating the estimated maximum cost of \$3,500,000,

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appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorizing the issuance of \$3,500,000 bonds of said City to finance said appropriation". Submitted by Charles Pearsall, Comptroller.

Motion to approve.

Moved by Frank, seconded by Pearsall.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)**

Ayes: Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Absent: Ryan

**Budget Transfer.** Motion to transfer \$7,337.87 from budget line A1420.54430 (Legal Services) to budget line A1420.54105 (Litigation).

Motion to approve budget transfer.

Moved by Krey, seconded by Day.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-0-1)**

Ayes: Pearsall, Frank, Krey, Day

Nays: None

Absent: Ryan

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 11:39am.

Moved by Day, seconded by Krey.

Voice vote, none opposed.