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COUNCIL AT LARGE-MARTIN HEBERLING
COUNCIL AT LARGE- PHIL VAN TREUREN

COUNCIL WARD ONE-BRIAN DEMBINSKI
COUNCIL WARD TWO-ED COWGER
COUNCIL WARD THREE-JAKE WACHHOLZ
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THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN HYBRID FORM (Council members in Chambers and all others REMOTELY VIA ZOOM)

Minutes of the Building and Lands Committee Meeting held May 17, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. Present in person were Chairman Nahorn, Mr. Janik, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Wachholz, Mr. Heberling. Mr. Cowger was absent and had a letter on file. Also present virtually were Council President Wasilk, Mayor Costilow, Law Director Pecora, Assistant Law Director Ward, Safety Service Director Jeffreys, Treasurer Ramsey. Auditor Pittak was absent and an excuse on file. Mr. Wachholz motioned to excuse Mr. Pittak and Mr. Cowger as they had letters on file. Mr. Heberling seconded that motion. Vote 6-0 to excuse. Also present were Mr. Joe Ernandes, representing Clark and Post, and Paul Bires, representing Freakin Greekin, LLC.

A-21-21 Authorization to accept the donation of the old Amherst Freight Depot from Nordson Corp.

Chairman Nahorn opened the meeting and introduced the first item. Mayor Costilow explained the parking lot to the east would be included and hopes that Council will see the generosity of Nordson's donation. A monetary donation will be included as well. Our Park Manager is very interested. Mr. Wachholz stated this is very exciting and he's very glad we are able to work together with Nordson so well. He is excited to have a park on that side of town. Mr. Janik thanks Nordson and asked about the use of the building. Mayor Costilow mentioned possible uses; space inside will definitely be used by the public. He mentioned having a ribbon cutting after this is complete. Mr. Van Treuren thanks Nordson and Mayor Costilow for his diligence in handling this.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to take this to the floor of council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to take to the floor with emergency.

A-21-22 Pursuant to ACO, consideration for Habit for Humanity ReStore Drive-Thru Canopy

Mr. Jeffreys explained this item, as it was before the Planning Commission and given conditional approval. This was also satisfactory to the Fire Department. Mr. Ernandes explained the reduction to a single drive and it helps with reducing traffic congestion and assists fire department apparatus.

Mayor Costilow commended the process of the Industrial Review Board, asking the Law Department regarding this item. Mr. Pecora will verify this question by Monday. Mr. Dembinski commented that we'll probably continue to do similar to the past with regard to the Industrial Review Board.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to take this to the floor of council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Roll call vote 6-0 to take to the floor of council with emergency.

A-21-23 Authorization to accept the CIC recommendation to accept the exchange of real estate parcels between the City of Amherst and Franklin Greekin, LLC.

Mayor Costilow explained the process as this has gone from Council to CIC, and CIC has expressed interest in the latest plan for additional parking and rendering of the possible building design, along with vacating of the section of Mill Street. CIC also volunteered to demo the house at their cost and prepare it for a parking lot. He said this is a good deal for the city local business. Mr. Bires would like to see more retail; plans for a restaurant and another space for lease. There are many possibilities. He does not see this happening "tomorrow" but it would hold us for a little time. The drawing is what he has in mind and fits architecturally. He explained the included drawing. Mr. Janik thanked Mr. Bires and is pleased with the plan and is excited "for the economic development - it would be a great feather in your cap." It would complement what we have downtown and additional parking looks great. Mr. Van Treuren loves Amherst's past and is excited about its future. He appreciates Mr. Bires and his efforts. Mr. Bires stated it is a win/win

for everyone and nice for the community. Mr. Wachholz likes the image but it is a loss of green space downtown. Mr. Bires stated that incorporating a patio space that could be inviting. A building will take up most of the area but that particular area needs to finish the space, that's his opinion. The outside can be made more inviting and add a little more green space, especially the open space down the middle.

Mr. Dembinski thanked Mr. Bires and spoke about swapping properties. The lot split would need to be split? He wanted to clear that up. He asked Mr. Ramsey regarding the demolition cost. Mayor Costilow commented on the manner to take care of the finances of demolition. Mr. Dembinski asked if this would have to be a PDD. Mayor Costilow said this is ok in downtown zoning, so a PDD is not needed. He also commented about the lost split and combine that will need to occur.

Mr. Heberling motioned to take this to the floor of Council with the emergency. Seconded by Mr. Van Treuren. Roll call vote 6-0 to take to the floor with emergency.

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. Wachholz. Roll call vote 6-0 to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Matthew Nahorn, Chairman
Building and Lands Committee