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Minutes of the Building and Lands Committee Meeting held July 15, 2024, at 7:10 P.M. Present in Council Chambers were Chairman Janik, Mr. Dembinski, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Winiarski, Mr. Nahorn, Ms. Harmych, President Wasilk, Auditor Phillips, Safety/Service Director Jeffreys, Law Director Pecora, Treasurer Ramsey, Assistant Law Director Ward, Mrs. Laura Kemp, and several members of the public. Mr. Wachholz was absent and excused earlier.

A-24-33 Authorization allowing the Mayor to sell unused parcels of city owned land and building by way of public auction; and declaring an emergency.

Mayor Costilow said this does not need to be emergency, in fact, he would like three readings. He also asked that Meadowview Lane parcel be removed from this request as a few complications have come up. He said the Meadowview parcel was designated as park in 1980 and he would like to have this portion of the request removed and revisit it later. He noted that this should be 75% of the county auditor's site value would be the minimum bid. State legislature also allows you to have repeat auctions if it does not sell; the Mayor can lower the expectations perhaps by 20% at each succeeding auction. He feels there will be interest in both properties; although the Meadowview property may be overvalued.

Mr. Nahorn since there is a city lift station on Meadowview, would there be a perpetual easement? Mayor Costilow said that's one of the complications. Surveying will be done.

Mr. Heberling motioned to send this to the floor of Council omitting the Meadowview Lane parcel and omitting the emergency clause. Seconded by Mr. Nahorn. Mr. Winiarski asked if a motion was needed for the division of the questions. Mr. Pecora said this was a committee meeting, so just motion to amend is all that's needed.

Mrs. Wasilk asked about the percentages the Mayor was referencing. Mayor Costilow said 75% of the appraised value and 20% lower on the next bid.

Mrs. Tracy Green of 1320 Meadowview Lane said this property is adjacent to their property. Her husband has maintained the property for 18 years. They are vested in the legacy of this property to remain as green conservation space. They would be interested parties as this moves forward. She was glad to hear the process, as she feels this is important to their community and important to their street. 80% of the property is under significant restricted easement. She said the property is valued at over \$230,000 on the Auditor's website for market value. She spoke further and said this was always intended to be green space.

Roll call vote 6-0 as per the motion to take to the floor of council; no emergency and Meadowview removed

Mr. Dembinski motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Heberling. Voice vote 6-0 to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 P. M.

Dave Janik, Chairman
Building and Lands Committee