

BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 10, 2021

A meeting of the Budget Review Committee was held Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Chairman Dowd

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Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance. When each member states their presence, please also state whether there is anyone in the room with you during this meeting, which is required under the Right-To-Know Law.

Alderman O'Brien called the roll and asked them to state the reason he or she could not attend, confirmed that they could hear the proceedings, and stated who was present with him or her.

The roll call was taken with 5 members of the Budget Review Committee present:

Alderman Richard A. Dowd, Chairman
Alderman Jan Schmidt
Alderman Ernest Jette
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

Members not in Attendance: Alderwoman-at-Large Shoshanna Kelly
Alderman-at-Large Ben Clemons, Vice Chair

Also in Attendance: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Patricia Klee
Kim Kleiner, Director of Administrative Services
Sarah Marchant, Community Development Director
Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director
Celia Leonard, Deputy Corporation Counsel

ROLL CALL

Alderman O'Brien

Alderman-at-Large Michael O'Brien is present, I am alone and I can hear the proceedings.

Alderman Wilshire

I am here, I can hear everyone and I am alone.

Alderman Jette

I am here alone and I can hear the proceedings.

Alderman Schmidt

I am present, alone and can hear everyone.

Chairman Dowd

Yes I am present and I can hear the proceedings and I am here alone.

Alderman O'Brien

Mr. Chairman, you have 5 members present. Also here this evening is Sarah Marchant, Community Development Director and Tim Cummings, Economic Development Director. And also we have Alderman Patricia Klee, Mayor Jim Donchess and anybody else?

Chairman Dowd

Kim Kleiner just joined.

Alderman O'Brien

Kim Kleiner very good is also here. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Dowd

Ok the first item on the Agenda is Public Comment. Is there anybody from the public that would like to address the Budget Committee on anything being discussed this evening? Hearing and seeing no one, we will move on.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-21-111

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Richard A. Dowd

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH FUEL MEDIA HOLDINGS FOR ADVERTISING SERVICES

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Dowd

Ok the motion is to recommend final passage of R-21-111. I believe Director Marchant wanted to speak to this?

Sarah Marchant, Director of Community Development

Good Evening, thank you. We are before you with this amendment to the contract for the Fuel Advertising Services based on COVID and the unexpected and unprecedented changes to the industry. As such, in 2020 when we entered into contract with Fuel for the first time ever, we had put an annual minimum amount of payment to be required each year that they would have to produce. That was well before COVID started and since then our revenues have gone down by half and we haven't even made the money or in total that we would have that they would have had to pay us. The contract is a 65/35. And so what we are asking for is for this year alone is to remove the minimum payment. We would still get the 65% of every ad sold which is important matching dollars for our Federal Funds and is the more traditional way our contracts have been structured. Our hope is by the end of this year, the world will have righted itself a little bit more so we can get closer to our required minimums.

In addition, we have agreed to some basic performance measures with our advertising agency Fuel, who has really been stepping it up and doing a great job trying to break into new markets and help us expand our reach that way. So happy to answer any questions.

Chairman Dowd

So just for clarification for the general public, this has already passed; we are now just going to allow an amendment that addresses what you just discussed?

Director Marchant

That is correct.

Chairman Dowd

Any questions from the Committee? Seeing no one, would the Clerk please call the roll?

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Dowd 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

TABLED IN COMMITTEE

R-20-016

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Thomas Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

AMENDING THE PURPOSE OF A FISCAL YEAR 2020 UNLIKE ESCROW FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

(tabled at 4-20-20 mtg)

Chairman Dowd

OK we have one item that was tabled in Committee that I would like to entertain a motion to take from the table; that's R-20-028 and then we will have Director Cummings talk to us on it.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE R-20-028, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Dowd 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

R-20-028, Amended

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman-at-large David C. Tencza
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman Linda Harriott-Gathright
Alderman Patricia Klee

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NASHUA TO ENTER INTO A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH LANSING MELBOURNE GROUP, LLC.

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO AMEND R-20-028 AS PRESENTED BY ATTORNEY LEONARD AND DIRECTOR CUMMINGS, BY ROLL CALL

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Dowd

OK you've heard the motion. I see the Mayor is here. Tim are you going take it for discussion? OK.

Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development

If it is the pleasure of the Committee and the Mayor what I would recommend is if I could just very quickly go through my PowerPoint. I promise to keep it to less than two minutes and then turn it over to the Mayor so the Mayor could say a few words if that's the pleasure of the Committee.

Chairman Dowd

OK you already have the authority to share your screen so go ahead.

Director Cummings

OK great thank you. And for the record, Tim Cummings, Director of Economic Development. With me this evening is Peter Flotz the Developer interested in developing the School Street Lot. He is here to answer any technical questions that may arise. Bear with me, I am going to try to share my screen here. I know folks prefer not to have the screen share up so I will try to just quickly run through my slides here and then take my screen share down.

Chairman Dowd

Full screen on the presentation?

Director Cummings

Yes I am getting there right now. So again just to remind everyone we are talking about the School Street Development. This is a project that has been before you for quite a few years now and then actively with a piece of Legislation for the last year or so. We are looking to develop this particular parking lot and we are talking about an area in the downtown that we put out for an RFP some four years ago 79-54. We got a response for Lansing Melbourne Group, Principal Manager Peter Flotz who is with us this evening. Over the last few years we have wrestled with how to develop the site. We came to a proposal that we put before you last spring or this summer rather to develop the parking lot into apartments.

Essentially here is where we landed, this is just a visual at what we would be looking at. If you were coming off of Walnut Street of the oval, this would be one view. Here's another view if you were actually on High Street and looking at it from High Street, this would be essentially from the High Street Garage. So the transaction that was originally contemplated was a Master Developer Agreement where we would sell the parcel. If you recall back this summer, we wrestled with the idea of how we might be able to preserve some parking. That led to a conversation that brought us to a TIF and we subsequently approved a TIF for this area and that allowed us to change the deal where we would be able to preserve the parking on the first floor and allow for the air rights above the parking lot to be developed.

So the fundamentals of the deal have not changed except for where we have changed it from being a fee interest to a lease but otherwise it is still pretty much the same. I will quickly run through them. So it's a 99 year lease at a \$900,000.00 lease rates price; 144 apartments so slightly down from the original figure we were looking at. The City would still transfer \$100,000.00 to offset some infrastructure costs; street scaping particularly on School Street where we would be looking to add some parking spaces, 20 or 30 parking spaces in and around the street area.

The parking itself will utilize the High Street Garage up to 150 parking spaces would be set aside and available for rent. The first 10 years would be at \$50.00 per space per month. That would be about \$90,000.00 a year if all spaces were utilized. The original development agreement contemplated closing or execution type timeframe of May. We pushed it out to the end of June, June 30th because of the lag of getting this amendment in order. It does allow for the TIF to create the public parking on the first floor as we contemplated for \$2.5 million; it caps it so the City's obligation would stay at just the \$2.5 million and then the developer would draw down upon that money through certain intervals as construction proceeded.

Otherwise the agreement pretty much stays the same from there. And the amendment that is in front of you is a redline copy of the original MDA that basically contemplates everything that I just showed you in my slide and that's all I have this evening. I would ask that you favorably approve this Legislation to move this project on. I know the Developer Peter Flotz here with us this evening would really like to try to get this project underway for hopefully the end of this spring season, this early summer if possible. Thank you and I think the Mayor wanted to say a few words.

Chairman Dowd

Mayor?

Mayor Donchess

Thank you Mr. Chair. Well first I want to thank Tim Cummings for all the work he's done on this over a long period of time. As you know, this has been before the Committee for some time. We first put this out for potential development several years back and Tim has followed it all the way through and has negotiated a deal which I think is very favorable to both the builder and to the City. The purpose, of course, the underlying purpose is to help us build a stronger downtown economy, increase our tax base downtown and increase tax revenues. And, of course, right now help our small businesses and their employees which customers who would reside in these apartments. I will always remember the sacrifices that they have made during the course of this pandemic. So this project although started before the pandemic really fits our objectives very well.

I just hope the Committee will approve this. We realize the lease price and the revenue coming from parking. Again we will have between 150 and 300 downtown residents which we don't have now a block from Main Street. Of course, we have all talked about the objective of trying to repopulate the central business district and this is a big step in that direction. So again, I just would ask the Committee to approve the agreement so that we can go forward and begin the project.

Chairman Dowd

OK. Questions from the Committee members? Alderman O'Brien and then Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman O'Brien

Thank you. I am definitely going to support this. And if Mr. Cummings remembers we had several conversations on this and particularly with some of the people. But I think, you know, and historically looking back, School Street was a residential neighborhood at one time. And it will be good to have that, I think it will help the local businesses and everything. So I would like to welcome Mr. Flotz and thank you for investing into our City. I think you are going to enjoy Nashua. It's a great place and I think you are really going to enjoy coming up here and everything. So again, thank you sir.

Peter Flotz, Lansing Melbourne

Appreciate it, we hope it is the first of many.

Chairman Dowd

Alderman Wilshire.

Alderman Wilshire

Thank you. I agree with what Alderman O'Brien just said, welcome and thank you for investing in our City. We have addressed the parking issues somewhat with the neighbors on School Street, yes? I don't remember what the final outcome was.

Director Cummings

Yes if I may Mr. Chair?

Chairman Dowd

Yes go ahead.

Director Cummings

So we have continued having active conversations with the abutters and what is currently being contemplated and what you will see I think in the next Board of Aldermen Meeting is Legislation for Harbor Homes to have the right, if they so desire within the next year or two, to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Nashua for the daytime use of the parking lot that is beside the High Street Garage. And they would like to use that during the day or they would like to know that they have the ability to use 15 spaces in that parking lot during daytime hours. So we are working through those details now but that's very much something that I have committed to continue to work on with them. And I think that you will see that Legislation probably coming soon.

Then, in addition to that, I have continued to work with the other abutter, the casino and there's an idea or thought process maybe of building a parking lot, you know, within the downtown in close proximity if necessary. This would be borne by the casino itself or at least that's how it has been articulated to me thus far. I am still trying to understand some of the nuance details of it. It's very early in its conversation but it is something that they are looking forward to and I have committed to continuing working with them to see if we could develop a proposal that we could bring before you.

And then lastly, working with DPW will add 20 to 30 additional parking spaces on the street in and around the downtown area where this development would occur. A combination of all those measures I think have satisfied all the neighbors.

Alderman Wilshire

Thank you very much, I appreciate that.

Chairman Dowd

All set Alderman Wilshire?

Mayor Donchess

And of course we adjusted the design to retain parking on the surface level, public parking so that was a big step to satisfying the concerns of the nearby River Sports Bar & Casino.

Alderman Wilshire

Thank you, appreciate that.

Chairman Dowd

I have Alderman Jette and then Alderman Klee. Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Thank you Mr. Chairman. So when this had come before us, before I had asked several questions about the parking issue. And I don't see that anything has changed in this agreement, I am specifically talking about the rental of parking spaces in the High Street Garage. I think the agreement calls for the Developer leasing 150 spaces at the rate of, I think it was \$50.00. I think it starts at \$0 and it increases to \$50.00 over a two-year period and then it remains at \$50.00 a space for 10 years. And then if the going rate is increased after 10 years then it would be adjusted. Ten years seems like a long time for the City to be locked into that \$50.00 a month parking rate, which I don't know if that's, you know I would defer to you Mr. Cummings about that. I know you have spoken to the Infrastructure Committee many times about parking rates in Nashua being lower than other cities and that they should be increased. So I am wondering what your thoughts would be on that.

Director Cummings

Should I answer that now?

Alderman Jette

That's up to the Chairman, I've got some other questions but the Chairman...

Chairman Dowd

You can handle that one first Tim, go ahead.

Alderman Jette

Ok.

Director Cummings

So I completely agree with you Alderman Jette. I knew that this was coming down the pike that's the reason why I put some Legislation before you a couple of years ago. Ultimately it was decided that a parking study was necessary before we moved forward. At this point in time, we have to do what is equitable and the \$50.00 is what is fair because that's what we have charged everyone to date and it is what we have been charging since 2002 and so I foresee us coming before you in a couple years, I don't know when probably to raise this issue again. But this is just what I have to work with at this time and I don't think it would be fair for us to unilaterally single out one development and lock them in at a higher rate than what we would be charging the general public.

Alderman Jette

OK may I follow up?

Chairman Dowd

Follow up question Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

Yes so without locking this developer into a higher than what we are charging everybody else, why would we lock the City into a lower than what we are charging everybody else. If we increase the rates as a result of this parking study, which will be finished in a few months or maybe that's just the overnight thing, but within a year or so. If we determine that the rates should be higher, why wouldn't it be fair for the developer just to agree to pay whatever the going rate is?

Director Cummings

Because it is a “what if” conversation right now. I don’t know if we actually will increase the permits. That has not been decided upon by this body. I don’t know if it ever will be. So yeah that’s why.

Alderman Jette

So I still don’t understand why the developer wouldn’t be charged whatever everyone else is being charged. Why would he get locked into whatever the rate is today for 10 years while other people leasing places in the same garage would be paying higher?

Chairman Dowd

OK. Another question Alderman Jette?

Alderman Jette

It was but I guess I’m not going to get an answer.

Chairman Dowd

You are looking for the developer because he’s raising his hand. Yes, Director Cummings?

Director Cummings

I understand the question, it is a philosophical one. And, you know, at the end of the day this is the deal that was struck. To some degree I am very sympathetic to the issue at hand but this is essentially what we were able to work out. And it is a give and take. This was a multi-variable negotiation with a lot of moving parts and this is just one element to it. All of the puzzle pieces need to fit together to make it work. So that’s how we got to where we are on this issue.

Alderman Jette

So in previous meetings I brought this up. In previous meetings you stated that it would be subject to negotiation and you would talk to the developer. You’ve not said that you have talked to the developer and the developer is not willing to do that. So if the Chairman is willing to recognize the developer, maybe we could hear from him.

Chairman Dowd

I just recognized him.

Mr. Flotz

I am glad you recognized me, I’ve been here enough times now. So Alderman I would tell you this. The most important thing for us if we are going to be the first new residential building in downtown in some period of time, I can’t tell you what that is, I’d love to do the research but I am guessing it is a long, long time, probably since I’ve been alive on this earth. We have certain challenges and one of those challenges is we are not competing fairly with people who have converted mills nearby and the like who have surface parking lots who have parking available to them. We are building out to the property lines because that was what was specified in the request for proposals, was to fill this lot with taxable property. And so that’s what we have done. Our only opportunity to park is across the street. And unlike anyone else, we are paying a fee in lieu for parking. So we are paying the City thousands and thousands of dollars for each one of those spaces and we are paying for them on a monthly basis.

So I would say to you, if you would prefer that we pay market, happy to do it, but then let's talk about not paying the fee in lieu because then I am paying for nothing. So at this point I am paying an admittance fee and I am being charged a monthly membership fee. So it is a country club that I can't afford to belong to but I have to because it is the only place I can get to parking. I would urge you, when you are doing our parking study by the way, to really focus on daytime and really focus on on-street parking because that's where your revenue is going to come from. If you try to get it from residential users overnight, my fear is I'll be the first and I'll be the last. And if what you want to do is populate your downtown, we have to give people some place to put their cars, whether they are gas or electric, we still have to put them somewhere. So that's my comment. Thank you for recognizing me, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Dowd

You're welcome. Alderman Jette anything else?

Director Cummings

And if I could just follow on, I just want to clarify I did raise this issue with the developer.

Alderman Jette

Ok, thank you. I appreciate the answer from both of you, from the developer and from you Mr. Cummings. I think that answers that question. My next question regards the parking that is going to be located underneath this building. I don't see anything in the revised agreement that shows what it is going to look like. I didn't see any plans attached that cover the parking area. Do they exist, did I just miss it or has it just not been given to us yet? What is the situation there?

Director Cummings

If I may Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Dowd

Yes, go ahead.

Director Cummings

Thank you. When we got the TIF approved it was part of the package and the Legislation that approved the TIF. And if you were to refer to that Legislation there was an accompanying document that had an attachment that showed a conceptual site plan with the covered parking.

Alderman Jette

OK. I didn't see it attached tonight's Agenda and I forgot that that had been previously provided so I'll go look at that. And this brings up a question, this is going to be public parking and it is designed to satisfy the objections of abutters. I am specifically thinking of the River Casino who pretty much fills up that parking lot now at night. And so they are going to lose that, this is supposed to replace that. But how are you going to keep it public, you know, the residents of the building are part of the public as well. How are you going to keep them out of it or are you not even going to try. Is it going to be available to everyone including the residents of the building?

Director Cummings

So if I may Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Dowd

Go ahead, Director Cummings.

Director Cummings

So that is a management issue that we will work with the property manager on in terms of making sure that the property manager knows that they should be directing their people to the leased parking spaces which would be in the High Street Garage. That would be public parking on the ground level and it would not ever be leased and it would be under our certain zone, I don't know which zoning district it would be in, I am going to say off the top of my head, two at the moment and it would be metered or have some sort of pay station where you have to pay for the stations or otherwise you'd receive a parking citation. But you would never be able to lease those spaces. Similar to how you are never able to lease the first floor of the High Street Garage or the Elm Street Garage now.

Alderman Jette

OK and my last question is maybe this should be directed to the developer. I notice in Section 1.11 part of the recitation of what the City is doing for the developer is providing the pleasure of working with Director Cummings and Attorney Leonard. I have never seen that language in an agreement. I don't know if that was just put there to see whether or not I would read this thoroughly or not or Director Cummings put that in there. I don't know.

Director Cummings

I can assure I did not put that in there.

Mr. Flotz

And I will hide behind the same defense.

Chairman Dowd

I can attest it is very nice working with Attorney Leonard day-to-day.

Alderman Jette

So I guess she's the one that put that in there. OK thank you, that's all I have.

Chairman Dowd

Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you Mr. Chairman. Director Cummings, the 50 spaces that you said are going to be there, did we lose any spaces or do we have 50 and we are still going to have 50?

Director Cummings

No. This is going to be an approximate reduction of about 30 spaces. I want to say we have about 80 in the School Street Lot now. We will have about 50 in the School Street lot when it is all said and done. But that's why it is important that we create that additional 20 to 30 on-street parking in and around the development.

Alderman Klee

Yes and I agree with that and I appreciated that. That's what I figured that those 30 spaces were from. Mr. Chairman may I ask another question please?

Chairman Dowd

Yes, go ahead Alderman Klee.

Alderman Klee

Thank you. Again, the pay parking I did have one of the same concerns that Alderman Jette had about the residents parking in the surface lot there even though they have leased space and so on. If it's a rainy day and they don't feel like walking far, after 7 meters then the pay stations would stop is that correct?

Chairman Dowd

Director Cummings?

Director Cummings

It depends on the zone that you are in but yes and that's why when it is built and we actually figure out how we want to manage it, we are probably going to have to put some language in that may call out the specific lot for that very reason.

Alderman Klee

So just again a quick follow up on it. So more than likely the residents would have some kind of sticker that would allow them to park in the other lot. That might be a way of also identifying them. Would that be correct?

Director Cummings

They will have a permit that would allow them to park in the High Street Garage.

Alderman Klee

OK so it would probably be some type of sticker. I am just trying to say how management would identify that those cars shouldn't be there, because they have a permit. I am just talking this out for the public to hear because I know that the manager of the River Casino and is one of my constituents and this has been one of his issues, as you know. And I just wanted to kind of rest assured that we are going to be doing everything we can. And I see that Mr. Flotz has his hand up, Chairman Dowd.

Chairman Dowd

Yes, Mr. Flotz would you answer?

Mr. Flotz

Thank you Chairman. I think I just want to clarify something. Our residential manager, my intent at this point at least unless you all have a desire to tell me something different and then we will certainly consider it. But our residential manager would have nothing to do with the operation of the parking. This is clearly a public parking area that is owned by the City. If at your pleasure in the future you decide that you would like to earn revenue and lease spaces to our residents, let us know. But our planning right now is that we are specifically going into our pocket and paying a fee for access to the High Street Garage to the City.

We are paying a monthly fee that should cover your operational cost for those. We appreciate the fact that you are willing to ramp that up so we can get our residents in and can get the ball rolling here. But we not going to tell people whether they can park downstairs or not; we don't face that part of the building. I am sorry we don't have detailed designs up they are about done.

But, in fact, there is a concrete wall between the lobby of the building and the amenity areas and the parking area and never the 'twain shall meet. There is a fire door so people have access back and forth through there. And part of the pleasure of working with Counsel Leonard was that there's easements already and all of that. But it is a City parking deck. So you have the ability Alderman Klee, to manage that any way you want to.

It's your spaces, you hold the deed to it, we don't. There are doors that face School Street. There are doors that face High Street. So the public can come into from both ways, it is easy access. It will be warm this time of year, it'll be well lit, it'll be the nicest place to park in the City. And it will be clean that's for sure because whether or not we are in charge of it, we won't let it be anything but clean. So again, I just want to make sure you understand there's a separation there on purpose by design and that's how we are facing it. If you tell us something different we will certainly listen. But right now, again, it's important to us to have the public perceive the fact that that is a public parking area, it is not ours. And we will make sure our residents know, there's your parking space across the street. It won't be obvious to them that you can park inside the building. It is completely separate and I'm sorry we don't have an illustration for you but it would be obvious if we did.

Alderman Klee

Mr. Chairman may I follow up?

Chairman Dowd

Follow up Alderman Klee?

Alderman Klee

Thank you so much. Mr. Flotz I wasn't trying to assume that your staff or your management would be monitoring. When I was speaking to Director Cummings I was thinking more of his parking enforcement staff and so on. I wasn't trying to put that on yours. I was just hoping that your residents would be educated enough to know, please don't park there. Yes you are part of the public and therefore, but how we would be able to identify your vehicles versus the rest of the public and so on. But all of my questions have been answered, I appreciate that. Thank you.

Director Cummings

Could I just follow on quickly Mr. Chairman?

Chairman Dowd

Sure Director Cummings.

Director Cummings

Thank you and I know Alderman Schmidt wants to say something. But I just wanted to make sure it is very clear, it is my intention and unless you instruct me otherwise, I am going to make it very clear that that is public parking and we expect the public patrons of the downtown to use that parking area. And it will be managed in that way and Parking Enforcement will be looking to enforce the parking so that we get the results that we want.

Chairman Dowd

Yes, Alderman Schmidt.

Alderman Schmidt

Thank you Mr. Chairman. That's exactly what I what I was thinking of. The people in Ward 1, they want to come downtown, they don't like going up stairs into the parking garage. If they went in to someplace that was safe and warm and protected right on the ground level, it would be even better than the open parking that was there previously. And this is a really good solution; I know we pushed hard for parking in there and I am grateful that you've been able to figure out a way to do this. Because that part of town really could use people from Ward 1 coming down to shop and go to dinner and thank you very much for thinking of that part of this and also for more housing downtown; it's absolutely essential. And thank you, thank you very much.

Chairman Dowd

Any other questions from Committee Members? One thing it is a public parking lot. I don't know how we can restrict the people that are living in the building from parking there, but it would be more costly for them to do that. But they are members of the public as well and taxpayers, either directly or indirectly. I can tell you because pre-pandemic I went and parked on School Street a lot, almost every day or at least two or three times a week. And during the day, the lot was pretty empty. At night, even at night, I don't remember any time going to the Arena that the lot was completely full. So I don't think we are going to have a problem.

And the only other thing I want to clear up for the record and for the public is that I am going to go out on a limb here Director Cummings, but the maintenance and upkeep of that garage will belong to the City is that correct or are we sharing that? OK so it would be the responsibility of the City.

Director Cummings

That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Dowd

So anything over and above that the developer wants to help us with is a plus in my regard. Any other questions? OH yes Mr. Flotz, did you want to mention anything?

Mr. Flotz

Oh, no, no, no I was just thanking you.

Chairman Dowd

Any other questions? Alright would the Clerk please call the roll?

Alderman O'Brien

Ok we will be voting on to amend R-20-028 as presented by Attorney Leonard by roll call. A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea:	Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Dowd	5
Nay:		0

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE AS AMENDED, BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Dowd	5
Nay:	0

MOTION CARRIED

GENERAL DISCUSSION – None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMENChairman Dowd

Alderman Klee.

Alderman Klee

I will make it real quick. I just wanted to thank Director Cummings for all his work on this project. You took everybody's opinion into consideration and you worked it to death. You finally came up and I believe he's gone but I'd also like to thank Mr. Flotz for agreeing to this and the give and take between the two of you has just been outstanding. And I know Director Cummings you have worked hard to make the neighbors happy. So thank you much. I appreciate that. And also I got great feedback from your parking study Town Hall for Ward 3.

Director Cummings

Thank you.

Chairman Dowd

So anyone else? I just want to say this is my second day visiting the vaccine site and that is working amazingly efficiently. I got my vaccine today; my former wife got her yesterday. But it is working really well. I just wanted to commend the members of the Nashua Fire Rescue who are assisting with traffic and questioning as well as the National Guard and I don't think it could run any smoother than it is running. They've got it down to a science. If you are going there to get your vaccine that you need to ensure that you've answered the questions on-line with the CDC VAMS site. Otherwise, it takes a few more minutes for you to go through all the questions and answer them manually in the parking lot. So if you want to go through more quickly answer the questions in advance and you'll be all set. But again, I don't think it could be any more efficient and effective than it is. And Mayor if you want to pass that along to Director Bagley and let her know that it is working great. I don't know who is giving the actual shots. They are all nurses but they are in civilian clothes, so I don't know who exactly they belong to but it doesn't hurt.

Mayor Donchess

Mr. Chair, the hospitals are providing the staffing for that.

Chairman Dowd

Excellent, excellent.

Alderman Klee

My husband's was through the National Guard.

Chairman Dowd

And they also give you a card that tells you the exact date, it tells you what vaccine you had and what date you go back for your second shot. And unless you want that changed, you are all set. OK. Anything else? Alright.

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY ALDERMAN O'BRIEN TO ADJOURN BY ROLL CALL

A viva voce roll call was taken which resulted as follows:

Yea: Alderman Schmidt, Alderman Jette, Alderman Wilshire
Alderman O'Brien, Alderman Dowd 5

Nay: 0

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was declared closed at 7:47 p.m.

Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Committee Clerk