Resolution regarding former Naval Reserve Training Center.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City Council received and reviewed a staff report with regard to Resolution #23-1083 (Report on the status of property at the former Navy Reserve Training Center – Tax Parcel 17-50781-420, and

WHEREAS, the Legal Department met with representatives from the homeowner's association, Council and developer to come up with possible solutions, which were shared with former Council Member Tom Sweeney, advocate for the memorial.

WHEREAS, the City Council previous approved the dedication of this property pursuant to Resolution #2006-07-024 and #2010-08-020 for purposes of a memorial, and

WHEREAS, no memorial development has occurred, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 66.1025, the City Council may by a two-thirds vote of its members-elect grant the land back to the dedicator.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby waives the dedication on a portion of the property and directs that this portion of the property be sold to the developer at fair market value pursuant to its request, with the remaining property still dedicated for the potential use of a memorial.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of La Crosse is owner of the dedicated property and was at the time of dedication. The Common Council now finds the full dedication impractical but believes a memorial could still be built on a portion of the property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an area approximately 30' by 60', as shown on the attached Exhibit A (not drawn to scale) be retained for a memorial with the remaining strip of land included in Parcel 17-50781-420 having the dedication waived and being sold to the developer. Legal descriptions for both pieces of land are attached as Exhibit B.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said 30' x 60' area be retained for memorial use until twenty (20) years after adoption of Resolution 2006-07-024 during such time interested parties can work with the City to determine the specific memorial, if any, to be placed at the site as well as raise funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if after said twenty-year period, it is determined that a memorial is no longer reasonable or practical at this location or sufficient funds cannot be raised to support said memorial, then the remnant parcel be sold to the developer while retaining an access easement for the fire department, if needed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City staff is hereby directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate this resolution.

I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on May 9, 2024.

Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

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