

TRIENNIAL LIST
0 HAIG AVENUE
Board of Finance Recommendations for Sale of Property

At its July 14, 2022 meeting, the Board of Finance voted to recommend the sale of Haig Avenue on the following five conditions:

- Preserve the building.
- No expansion of building.
- No rezoning of property.
- No subdividing of property.
- City to keep one (1) acre and sell remaining 0.63 acres with building.

City Code Section 9.4(B) states that the Planning Board shall transmit its recommendations for future use or disposal of properties to the Board of Finance. Section 9.4(C) then states the Board of Finance shall review the recommendations of the Planning Board and transmit both its own recommendations and the Planning Board's recommendations to the Board of Representatives.

My opinion is that the above City Code sections set up a sequence that needs to be followed. The intent appears to be that the drafters of the Code wanted the Board of Finance to have the benefit of looking over the Planning Board's recommendations when it considers what its own recommendations will be. Especially in a situation like this one where the Board of Finance has already come up with five conditions, it is certainly possible that the Planning Board may not agree with all of them, or may come up with some of their own. In such a case, there may be new information for the Board of Finance to consider. Therefore, the Board of Finance needs to review what the Planning Board does and then finalize its own recommendations. So, in my opinion, the item should be placed on the next Board of Finance agenda.

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