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Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut Special Meeting- Tuesday, March 17, 2020

The City of Stamford Urban Redevelopment Commission, Office of Economic Development, will hold a <u>Special Meeting, on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 commencing at 4:30pm.</u> The Special Meeting will be held via conference call from the Urban Redevelopment Commission Conference Room, 888 Washington Boulevard, 9th Floor, Stamford, Connecticut.

As per Governor's Executive Order 7B, the public can participate via teleconference for the meeting. To participate by phone, Dial-in number: +1 717-275-8940 and enter participants access code: 697 7090. Please kindly put your phone on mute until called upon by the Chair. All materials for the meeting are available at https://www.stamfordct.gov/node/2028/agenda/2020

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Fischer called the meeting to order at 4:36pm.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present via teleconference: Stephen Fischer, James Huerta and Jonathan Winkel

Absent: Mark Diamond

Commission Staff: Thomas Madden- Executive Director, Dr. Tommie Jackson-Assistant Director, Theresa Bowen,-Office Manager

Guest(s) Staff via Teleconference: Ralph Blessing, Vineeta Mathur and David Woods Guest(s) representing developer via Teleconference: Bill Hennessey, Lisa Feinberg, Meaghan Myles, Grant McKiernan and Rick Redniss

Mr. Madden stated the following:

Governor Lamont has issued an Executive Order 7B (attached) on March 14 with regards to attendance at public meetings. As per that order, there is a suspension of In-Person open meeting requirements that require the public to be able access the meeting by teleconference.

Also as per the order "4) any materials relevant to matters on the agenda, including but not limited to materials related to specific applications, if applicable, shall be submitted to the agency a minimum of twenty four (24) hours prior and posted to the agency's website for public inspection prior to, during, and after the meeting, and any exhibits to be submitted by members of the public shall, to the extent

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feasible, also be submitted to the agency a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting and posted to the agency's website for public inspection prior to, during, and after the meeting;"

In light of this new order, the URC, which had already issued a special meeting notice for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 4:30 PM (as requested by three members of the Commission) needed to re-notice and reschedule this meeting in order to be in compliance with Commissions move to a telephone meeting and the executive order. The meeting has been refiled with the Town Clerk with the teleconference number listed and has been posted to both the Commissioners and the public. We are in compliance with the Executive order and all materials have been posted on the website.

As such, the previous vote would need to be rescinded as new information was brought forward and one of the Commissioners would like to revisit the vote. The Commissioners would first need to rescind Resolution vote 2020-01 and then move forward with discussion for Resolution 2020-01A with the changes suggested by Vice Chairman Fischer.

3. Gateway Plan Resolution

Vice Chairman Fischer made the motion to rescind the vote held previously on March 12, 2020 for Resolution 2020-01 and to consider Resolution 2020-01A with second from Commissioner Huerta. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

Vice Chairman Fischer reviewed the recommended changes in Resolution 2020-01A as stated, "2. URC Commissions requires that the developer provide a full traffic study, at the time they submit their site plan for review by the Zoning Board and the URC." This should resolve concerns that the Commissioners previously had. Vice Chairman Fischer made the motion to approve Resolution 2020-01A with second from Commissioner Winkel. Mr. Madden stated all public documents /materials were included and reviewed as part of the revision to this resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Huerta: Yea Commissioner Winkel: Yea Vice Chairman Fischer: Yea

Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44pm with second from Commissioner Winkel. Motion passed unanimously. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

James "Jim" Huerta,

Secretary/Treasurer Urban Redevelopment Commission