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**City of Fitchburg
Massachusetts 01420**

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Ward 5 – Marisa R. Fleming
Ward 6 – Derrick J. Cruz**

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fitchburg was held at the Legislative Building at 700 Main Street and over the Zoom meeting platform and live streamed at FATV Studios, Fitchburg, on February 15, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by President Anthony Zarrella at 7:03 P.M. The meeting opened with a salute to the Flag led by Councilor Cruz. The Clerk called the roll and 10 Councilors were present. Councilor DiNatale was absent.

I. PUBLIC FORUM

This meeting will be open to the public. Persons who wish to participate remotely in the Public Forum portion of the meeting may request a remote attendance link by contacting the City Clerk at cityclerk@fitchburgma.gov.

II. REPORT OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

Appointments Committee Oral Report
Meeting of February 15, 2022

The Appointments Committee recommended the following Appointment be confirmed:

New Appointment:
Water/Wastewater Commission
(Term to expire February 1, 2026)
Mr. Colby J. O'Brien

Report accepted. Appointment confirmed by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

III. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECORDS

The Committee on records reported the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2022 were correctly recorded. Report accepted and minutes adopted.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

His Honor the Mayor

Appointment Letters

Re-Appointment:

Fitchburg Historical Commission

(Term to expire February 1, 2025)

Ellen DiGeronimo

(Term to expire February 1, 2025)

Donald Ostrowski

New Appointment:

Fitchburg Disability Commission

(Term to expire March 1, 2025)

Ms. Marshal D. Haneisen

Councilor Squailia questioned the process of the review of Appointee's resume per Council Rule 2.5. Appointments held until the issue is resolved.

American Rescue Plan Act Budget

[Proposed ARPA Budget](#)

Communication read. Motion to send the communication to Council as a Whole Committee failed by roll call vote of 5 in favor and 5 opposed (Couture, Cragin, Cruz, Schultz, Zarrella)
Communication referred to Finance Committee.

III. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Meeting of February 8, 2022

The Finance Committee recommended the Order be amended to change the word "grant" to "contribution" and be adopted as amended:

012-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from a contribution from B.O.T. Realty, LLC in the approximate amount of \$21,500.00 (TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is for the paving and reconstruction of Perkins Street.

Report read and accepted. Order amended to change the word "grant" to "contribution" and be adopted as amended by unanimous consent 11/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 10 members.

Order signed by the Mayor February 16, 2022.

The Finance Committee recommended the Order be amended to change the amount from \$69,027.00 to \$62,097.00 and be adopted as amended:

013-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security VAWA grant in the approximate amount of \$69,027.00 (SIXTY-NINE THOUSAND, TWENTY-SEVEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to support the Domestic Violence Advocate position within the Police Department.

Report read and accepted. Order amended to change the amount from \$69,027.00 to \$62,097.00 and be adopted as amended by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Order signed by the Mayor February 16, 2022.

The Finance Committee recommended the following Order be adopted:

014-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Affairs, Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program in the approximate amount of \$504,061.86 (FIVE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND, SIXTY-ONE AND 86/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to contract a licensed clinical social worker to provide follow-up and case management to persons who are suffering from substance abuse and co-occurring disorders, as well as training and data tracking.

Report read and accepted. Order adopted by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Order signed by the Mayor February 16, 2022.

[Finance Committee Minutes of February 8, 2022](#)

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

007-22. The Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority along with consultants from the BSC Group, to present the 2040 Downtown Fitchburg Urban Revitalization and Development Plan as outlined in the enclosed Petition.

[FRA Cover Letter to City Council](#)

[DRAFT Fitchburg Downtown Urban Revitalization & Development Plan](#)

[Downtown Fitchburg URDP Maps](#)

President Zarrella declared the hearing open at 7:12 P.M.

Meagan Donoghue, Executive Director of the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority, Dr. Laura Bayless, Treasurer of the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority, and Heather Gould, consultant from BSC Group were in attendance and presented the following:

Good evening and thank you Councilors and Mayor for holding this public hearing to review the update of the Urban Revitalization and Development Plan. For those of you who do not know me,

my name is Meagen Donoghue, and I am the executive director of the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority, and I am joined by FRA Treasurer and Urban Renewal Plan Liaison, Dr. Laura Bayless and on Zoom, from the BSC Group Consultant, Heather Gould.

The Urban Renewal Plan is what the FRA uses to set the tone and provide guidance for a period of 20 years, so tonight we are considering having the plan approved to go forward into 2040. The FRA began discussing updating the plan in early 2019, ahead of its expiration date in 2020 and eventually hired the BSC Group to work with the FRA to draft an update to the plan. Since then, they have worked diligently to devise a comprehensive plan that aligns with many of the City's initiatives. It has been truly a collaborative process from the start with incorporating Tom Skwierarski, executive director the Department of Planning & Community Development in our meetings and planning sessions, an 11- member Citizen Advisory Committee provided thought provoking insight which incorporated community members who have grown up in Fitchburg, those who just moved here, and those who work in the city but come from out of town, and there were was wide spectrum of ages and backgrounds represented as well. We also even tapped into the University and interviewed the Student Senate to get their thoughts and recommendations. We've presented to the City's Economic Development Task Force and the TDI Partnership, and all of our meetings have been posted and open to the public.

This evening you will hear of the BSC Groups findings and recommendations (some for a second time), as well as next steps in the approval process. Tonight, we ask the City Council to consider a vote to approve the plan after hearing our presentation. There will also be time to ask questions at the end.

Tonight's agenda will inform the City Council of the purpose, including the Urban Renewal Plan's purpose and requirements. Next, we will take a look at the Urban Renewal District Plan's history, boundary, public improvements, acquisitions, and proposed uses. Also, we will take a look at the goals and objectives of the plan and most importantly for this board, Eligibility. Which will lead to the City Council's vote.

The Urban Renewal Plan comprises of several benefits and aligns with many of the City's initiatives including attracting public and private investment, stimulates economic growth, increases the tax base, and creates local jobs. The Plan also enables acquisition and land assembly when needed and appropriate and allows the Redevelopment Authority to negotiate for acquisition of identified parcels as well as sale of a property. Finally, the plan identifies upgraded and expanded public realm and infrastructure needs to support new development.

As you may have read in the draft of the Plan we sent you, there are several requirements the FRA must follow to obtain approval. In collaboration with the FRA's Board of Directors, the BSC Group determined the area of eligibility by performing a needs assessment followed by the mapping of the boundary. Within those boundaries, properties were identified as decadent (*decadent meaning: an area which is detrimental to safety, health, morals, welfare, or sound growth because of a criteria including building is out of repair, physically deteriorated, unfit for human habitation, obsolete, or in major need of repair; Much of the real estate has been sold or taken for nonpayment of taxes upon foreclosure of mortgages, buildings have been torn down and not replaced and under existing condition is improbable that the building will be placed, a substantial change in business or economic conditions; inadequate light , air, or open space; Excessive land coverage; and/or diversity of ownership, irregular lot sizes, or obsolete street patters make it improbable that the area will be redeveloped by the ordinary operations of private enterprise*). The area is consistent with other City plans, according to MGL 121B such as the City of Fitchburg CDBG Slums and Blight Target Area, Vision 2020 Plan and the 2018 Economic Development Strategic Plan. We also garnered meaningful public input by forming a Citizen

Advisory Committee which comprised of a diverse group of people who live, work, grew up, or moved to the City. This comprehensive group also assisted in determining the boundaries and helped form the goals and objectives which will be discussed later in the presentation. We also held a meeting for the public on January 5th to gather more input from the community. As a result, a plan of action was created including a list of goals and objectives, a concept plan, proposed public actions and a financial plan, which constitutes as a draft of the plan.

The plan then has to go through a process of review which includes locally an endorsement from the Planning Board, and final approval from the City Council and the FRA's Board of Directors. At the state level, the plan will then go through the approval process of the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act.

The FRA adopted a 20-year plan in 2000 which through obtaining an extension through the Department of Housing and Community Development, is set to expire at the end of March.

Yes, this is a 20-year plan, but it is a dynamic plan and that is what we wanted to show here. This isn't a plan that is written to only sit on a shelf.

We wanted highlight the various Plan amendments, to show that based on market conditions or through our partnership with the City, the FRA has been and will be able to amend the plan via an approval process through the DHCD.

We also wanted to mention that the approval process for minor plan changes, such as adding a property to the plan requires a vote from the FRA and approval from DHCD. However, for major plan changes such as what we are proposing with Amendment 9, must also obtain approval from the City Council.

Keeping that in mind, we are seeking an amendment to the 2020 plan, known as Amendment #9. This will be a major plan change because while many objectives were accomplished in the original plan, there is still work to do, and we want to build on the momentum and progress made by the FRA.

Many of the updated plan's vision will incorporate largely the same vision, goals, and objectives. The items that have changed in the plan include the boundaries, designated acquisition parcels, allowable uses, and certain plan actions.

In looking at the original plan's boundary you will notice the areas encompassing Fitchburg State University, the Intermodal station, and Sawyer Pass Way, moving west, Putnam Place and then Crocker Field.

Taking a look at the changes to the boundary for the updated plan, you will notice the original boundary in blue as well as the areas added and removed.

When you strip away the former boundaries, you can see a wider plan that includes the downtown area, north of Main and extensions onto Water and River Streets in what we are terming the gateways to the downtown.

On this slide you will see Proposed Public Improvements, including a potential trail and shared bike lanes, to name a few, and these show that we are in support with the various projects happening in the downtown core. We also understand this will require coordination among all parties involved, even if it just means that the FRA takes a supportive role. We are here to help.

We wanted to take a deeper dive into property acquisitions. First, all properties considered for acquisition must be identified as so in the Plan. Not all properties in the plan will be targeted for acquisition or acquired. Not all properties that are acquired will be taken through the process of eminent domain. It is very important, and one of the reasons why we are a quasi-government agency to note that the FRA may negotiate for a purchase and sale of a property identified for acquisition in the URP. No public bidding is required, which allows the FRA to operate on a level playing field with the private sector in the acquisition and disposition of the property. When and if a transaction takes place, two independent appraisals are performed to ensure fair market value. Finally, a relocation plan is required, which is an additional protection for the impacted property owner and/or business. Also, DHCD is involved in the process from start to finish to ensure proper steps are taken to acquire or dispose of a property.

Here is the acquisition list through Amendment #8, our most recent amendment which included 808 Main Street, the former Sentinel and Enterprise building.

You will notice in the pink those properties have been removed, while the purple shade indicates the properties are no longer in the Urban Renewal boundaries in the updated Plan for 2040.

Because we are requesting an amendment to the 2020 plan, even though it seems like we have an entirely new plan, those on the list that are not highlighted are still part of the acquisition list.

On this map you will see the properties the FRA will set it sites to. You will notice the new Urban Renewal Boundary with the parcels outlined within it. The Light green focuses on partial acquisitions, while the pink focuses on entire acquisitions for redevelopment, the teal focuses on acquisitions for rehabilitation, and the dark green shows acquisition for open space. The remaining parcels identified within the 2020 plan as I explained in the previous slide are not highlighted on this map, but will be highlighted in the final draft.

Here is a listing of all of the properties highlighted on the previous map. The 3 on the left are related to open space, while the listings on the right are related to assemblage to suggest larger development projects.

It is important to know that the FRA contacted all of the property owners ahead of when we began the recent public meeting we had on January 5th and Planning Board meeting we had on January 25th.

Here is a proposed concept plan where nuggets throughout the boundary have been identified as spaces that intends to spark development around these sites. The emphasis is on the properties throughout the district that are mostly vacant and provide opportunities for larger assemblage. At the same time, these concepts incorporate the objectives outline within the plan including housing, such as transit-oriented, mixed-use development on the corner of Oliver and Main (point to the center pink block) or along River Street, our western gateway (point to the far left-hand bubble), which it shows a mixed-use development at the site of the former plaza that burnt down across from Dairy Queen. Also, connectivity to the Nashua with green spaces and an east-west walking trail that connects Crocker Field to the Twin City Rail Trail. Speaking of the Twin City Rail Trail, if we go to the other gateway the concept illustrates a welcome center at the site of the current Fitchburg Flea Market. These are not set in stone; they just give an idea of what could be.

Our goals and objectives focus on the future, but for our plan we need to focus on the present for eligibility designation. We feel that the proposed Urban Renewal Area meets the decadent area criteria. If you look at the chart, you will see we meet the conditions checked off, which is coupled by a summary to the right. The Urban Renewal Plan is also in conformity with the City's

Comprehensive Plan by addressing many of the goals and objectives of the Master Plan and incorporates key concepts from the Vision 2020 Plan, the 2018 Economic Strategic Plan and the Open Space and Recreation Plan.

In addition to conveying the proposed Urban Renewal District is decadent, or showing that redevelopment is needed, the Plan also has to illustrate goals and objectives. As mentioned previously, many aspects were retained from the previous document, such as Revitalize Main Street, Foster a vibrant community, implement a housing strategy and enhance the downtown presence of FSU. However, items that have been added, thanks to the input from the Citizen Advisory Committee and the FRA: Strengthen connections and access to the Nashua River, build a Green and Equitable downtown, attract tourists and relate the plan to the City as a Whole.

Taking a look at the goals and objectives individually, we will start with revitalizing Main Street. In doing so, we want to promote an 18-hour mixed use district and contribute to an active street scape. We want to improve the public realm by emphasizing walkability, accessibility, and safety. We believe a wayfinding program would better connect and orient users with the built environment and distance to attractions. We will offer a financial assistance program to attract businesses to vacant ground floor commercial space and we will also bring to light local events to become known as a center of outdoor recreation and cultural activity.

Goal number two seeks to improve the downtown business environment by supporting a diverse mix of businesses in the downtown to meet the needs of the community and region. Facilitate redevelopment of significant vacant or underutilized properties, strengthen relationships between the business community and the FRA/City. Market business assistance programs as incentives to downtown businesses, and provide opportunities for entrepreneurs and support local startups. Think pop up shops and restaurants.

Number three looks to foster a vibrant and inclusive community, including working with local community groups, celebrating Fitchburg's diversity with various groups and businesses, creating a marketing campaign for outside interests of unique groupings of ethnic businesses, promote downtown as an age-friendly district, such offering special events for FSU students and senior citizens alike. And increase community capacity to anticipate, plan for, mitigate risks and seize opportunities associated with environmental and social change.

Next, we will work to implement a housing strategy including promoting transit-oriented housing development, offer mixed-income and mixed-age housing opportunities. We will identify locations in the downtown for multifamily and mixed using housing and market the sites to developers with the appropriate expertise. We seek to improve the quality of the housing stock downtown, and we want to promote affordability of housing in Fitchburg with the primary focus being on the downtown housing stock.

Next the FRA plans to make infrastructure improvements to increase accessibility to the downtown from all aspects of transportation, ensure the Twin Cities Rail Trail is connected to the downtown corridor, and implement street improvements that offer traffic calming and incorporate pedestrian and bike friendly shared streets. We would like to adopt an adaptive streetscapes program to activate ground floor activity and use of the public realm and create a parking implementation strategy/enforcement program.

Next, we would like to strengthen connections and access to the Nashua River. This will be done by seeking additional greenspace, open space and trails to connect Main Street to the river. Additionally, a shared use path along the Nashua from the Twin Cities Rail Trail may be created. We will also promote the stewardship of downtown's natural environment and bring this to light

vial educational and volunteer cleanup activities. We will also identify development opportunities within the downtown to highlight the waterfront. Finally, we will strengthen the visual relationship between the downtown and the view.

Next, we seek to build a green and equitable downtown by implementing nature-based solutions to aid in flood protection around the Nashua River, promote sustainable transportation and mobility options and green energy including efficiency in building construction. We also seek to build upon our already successful brownfield program by continuing to identify and remediate brownfield sites to protect public health and environmental justice areas, and we plan to commit to a plan of action that meets the needs of the community sustainably and equitably.

The BSC Group met with the University's Student Senate and learned that a university town is highly desirable among the students. We will also continue to embrace the University's presence in the downtown by assisting in growing the educational sector to embrace all ages and skillsets to compete successfully for jobs. We would like to strengthen the relationship between the University and downtown through active participation of projects of mutual interest, also create ties and connections that make the choice of leaving a bit more difficult after graduation through employment opportunities, entertainment and affordable housing options. We also would like to educate the students about downtown and encourage them to come on down and utilize the businesses, events, and volunteer opportunities. And we want to make it easier for students to travel downtown with upgrades to lighting, signage, shuttles and bicycle amenities.

Next, we want to attract tourists by promoting and expanding upon the variety of family-friendly venues. We hope to promote recreational tourism by creating gathering spaces in the downtown such as the green spaces mentioned previously. We would also like to assist in increasing public art and placemaking with temporary and permanent installations. We want to create a marketing campaign that focuses on placemaking, public art and wayfinding for visitors, and we would like to consider lodging opportunities within the downtown.

Finally, we would like to relate the plan to the City as a whole by continuing the partnership and coordination with the City to successfully achieve the revitalization of the downtown in an thoughtful and meaningful way.

So what are the next steps? We have held our meeting with the public. Met with the Planning Board on January 25 and determined through a vote that the plan aligned with all other plans within the city including the Vision 2020 Plan and the Economic Development Plan. Now we are in the period of requisite local approvals including this public hearing with the City Council. Then, the FRA will make the final vote. From Fitchburg, it will go to DHCD for review who will have 60-days to do so. Concurrently, the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, or MEPA will also review and issue a certificate from the secretary and then obtain DHCD approval. Thank you for your time tonight.

Presenters addressed clarifying questions from Councillors regarding the plan.

Mary Jo Bohart, Director of Economic Development, and Tom Skwierawski, Executive Director of Community Development and Planning spoke in favor of the Plan. No one spoke in opposition.

President Zarrella declared the hearing closed at 8:04 P.M.

Motion to approve the plan passed by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

VI. ORDERS-FINANCE

The following Orders were referred to the Finance Committee:

- 019-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from a gift from the estate of Ida S. Raisanen in the approximate amount of \$2,556.92 (TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX AND 92/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said gift, which is for the provision of recreational youth sports programs in the City parks.
- 020-22 ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$400,000.00) same to be charged against RESERVE FOR SNOW & ICE REMOVAL and credited to the following DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SNOW & ICE accounts:
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| EQUIPMENT RENTAL | \$200,000.00 |
| SALT | \$200,000.00 |
- 022-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is transferred from within the sum of FORTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$40,000.00) same to be transferred from POLICE, PERSONAL SERVICES, PATROLMEN and credited to the following accounts:
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| POLICE, EQUIP. & REPAIR, GAS & OIL | \$20,000.00 |
| POLICE, MAINT. OF BUILDINGS, REPAIR AND CARE | \$20,000.00 |
- 023-22. ORDERED THAT: The City of Fitchburg hereby approves the expenditure of funds from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, FY22 Shannon Community Safety Initiative grant in the approximate amount of \$416,812.00 (FOUR HUNDRED SIXTEEN THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWELVE AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the purpose of said grant, which is to reduce gang and youth related violence.
- 024-22. ORDERED THAT: The City Council authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the MA School Building Authority the Statement of Interest form dated March 1, 2022 for the Longsjo Middle School located at 98 Academy Street, Fitchburg, MA which describes and explains deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the MA School Building Authority in the future.
- 025-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARD (\$480,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, COVID PREMIUM PAY.
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- 021-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of TEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,700.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to LAW OTHER EXPENSES, APPRAISALS.

Motion to Suspend the Rules passed by roll call vote of 10 in favor and 0 opposed. Order adopted by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.
Order signed by the Mayor February 16, 2022.

VII. ORDINANCE

219-21. AN ORDINANCE: Amending Chapter 44, Section 10 of the Code of the City of Fitchburg, as most recently amended, be further amended by adding thereto the following:

Under positions paid hourly	Effective 12/1/2021
Epidemiologist	\$50.00
Contact Tracer Supervisor	\$48.00
Contact Tracer/Case Investigator	\$32.00
Contact Tracer (Part-time)	\$30.00

Ordinance was amended to add: Contact Tracing Resource Coordinator @ \$32.00/hour. Ordinance as amended was sent to a third and final reading and adopted to be enrolled and ordained by roll call vote of 10 in favor and 0 opposed. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

Ordinance signed by the Mayor February 16, 2022.

VIII. PETITIONS

026-22. Nicholas J. Erickson, PE, petitions your Honorable Body to accept as gift/donation, purchase or to take by eminent domain under M.G.L. c. 79, et al., both permanent and temporary easements over certain parcels of land required for the Circle Street Bridge Preservation Project. This Project is more described on the attached Plan entitled "Circle Street Over North Nashua River (Bridge No. F-04-11 (IJT)). [Circle Street over North Nashua River Plan](#)

Motion to Suspend the Rules passed by roll call vote of 10 in favor and 0 opposed. Petition was granted by unanimous consent 10/0. 10 members present. Board consists of 11 members.

The following Petition was referred to the Public Safety Committee:

027-22. Councilor Derrick Cruz, on behalf of Bassem Awad, resident at 8 Boylston Street, to install a street light on telephone pole #4 on Boylston Street.

The following Petition was referred to the Legislative Affairs Committee:

028-22. Councilor Sam Squailia, to increase available resident off-street parking during a snow emergency as outlined in the enclosed petition.

The following Petition was referred to a Public Hearing on March 1, 2022:

029-22. Unutil, for a new pole #42-51, approx.. 1185' west of Oak Hill Rd., and 1120' east of Franklin Rd., as shown in the enclosed Petition.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

011-22. ORDERED THAT: There be and hereby is appropriated the sum of ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$115,000.00) same to be charged against AVAILABLE FUNDS and credited to LAW OTHER EXPENSES, LITIGATION AND SPECIAL COUNSEL.

The Council President stated that the purpose of the Executive Session is to discuss strategy with respect to litigation. An open meeting on this subject will have a detrimental effect on the litigation or negotiating position of the City. The City Council will resume in open session after the Executive Session is concluded only for the purpose of adjournment.

By unanimous roll call vote the City Council entered in to Executive Session at 8:30 P.M.

The Council resumed in open session at 10:03 P.M.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 P.M.

Amanda K. Alford, Provisional City Clerk