

City of Cambridge

Agenda Item 5b  
IN CITY COUNCIL  
May 8, 2023

**ORDER OF TAKING**

- WHEREAS: By Section 30 of Chapter 43, Section 14 of Chapter 40, and Chapter 79 of the General Laws, all as amended, it is provided that the Cambridge City Council may take in fee in the name of the City for any municipal purpose any land within the limits of the City not already appropriated for public use; and
- WHEREAS: The City Manager of Cambridge and City Council, in order to provide for municipal operations and other general municipal uses, have approved and authorized that the City should under the provisions of the aforesaid Chapters of the General Laws take and hold for a municipal service facility, office use, and all accessory uses thereto or any other municipal purposes the parcels of land located at 319 Webster Ave, 333 Webster Avenue, and 455 Columbia Street, Cambridge, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts as hereinafter bounded and described and any buildings and trees thereon; and
- WHEREAS: An appropriation duly made by the City Council on May 8, 2023, is sufficient to cover the estimated *pro tanto* expenses of acquisition as required by the aforesaid Sections of Chapters 40 and 43;
- WHEREAS: by virtue of and in pursuance of the authority conferred by said Chapters of the General Laws and by every other power and authority it thereto enabling, the City of Cambridge by its City Council does hereby take the land located at 319 Webster Ave, 333 Webster Avenue, and 455 Columbia Street, Cambridge, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts and hereinafter described, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging as well as all trees and all structures thereon, excepting any easement of record, for a municipal service facility, office use, and all accessory uses thereto or any other municipal purposes and for all purposes and uses accessory thereto. Intending to take and hereby taking in fee simple all land, excepting any easement of record, included within such description by whomsoever the same may be owned, vis:

Three parcels of land in Cambridge:

Parcel One // 319 Webster Avenue a/k/a 315-327 Webster Avenue:

A certain parcel of land with buildings thereon situated in Cambridge, being now numbered 315-327 Webster Avenue and being shown as the whole of Lot No. 13 and the greater portion of Lot No. 14 on a plan entitled "Plan of Building Lots in Cambridgeport belonging to Ira Ward" dated

October 1847, by W.A. Mason Surveyor, recorded with the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 2, Plan 30, being bounded and described as follows:

WESTERLY: by said Webster Avenue formerly called Medford Street, 90 feet.

NORTHERLY: by Lot No. 12 on said plan, 100 feet;

EASTERLY: by Lot No. 10 and No. 11 on said plan, 90 feet;

SOUTHERLY: by the remaining portion of said Lot No. 14, 100 feet;

Containing 8900 Square Feet more or less.

Parcel Two // 333 Webster Avenue:

A parcel of land with building thereon, situated in Cambridge, presently numbered 333 Webster Avenue, being shown on lot 12 on said plan recorded in Plan Book 2, plan 30, bounded.

WESTERLY: by Webster Avenue , sixty-seven (67) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY: by the first parcel above described, one hundred three (103) feet;

EASTERLY: by the second parcel above described, thirty-eight and 9/10 (38.9);

SOUTHERLY: by Lot 13 on said plan, one hundred (100) feet.

Containing according to said plan 5290 square feet of land. Be all said measurements more or less or however otherwise bounded or described.

Parcel Three // 455-459 Columbia Street a/k/a/ 455 Columbia Street:

A parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Cambridge, being presently numbered as 455-459 Columbia Street, being shown as Lot 10 on a plan recorded with Middlesex South Districts Deeds in Plan Book 2, Plan 30, bounded.

SOUTHEASTERLY: by Columbia Street, seventy-seven and one-half (77 ½) feet;

SOUTHWESTERLY: by Lot 11 on said plan, eighty-four and one-quarter (84 ¼) feet;

WESTERLY: by Lots 13 and 12 on said plan, forty-six and 7/10 (46.7) feet;

NORTHEASTERLY: by land of owners unknown, one-hundred nineteen and one-half (119 ½).

Containing according to said plan 5923 square feet of land. Be all measurements more or less or however bounded or described.

The *pro tanto* damages awarded with respect to said Parcels of Land are three million and one hundred and one thousand and two hundred and fifty (\$3,101,250) Dollars and the supposed owner is Webster Avenue Ventures LLC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED:           The taking of fee simple title in the Parcels of Land, excepting any easement of record, along with all buildings and trees thereon herein described is hereby authorized in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 14, Chapter 43, Section 30 and Chapter 79, all as amended for a municipal service facility, office use, and all accessory uses thereto or any other municipal purposes and for all purposes and uses accessory thereto.

In City Council May 8, 2023  
Adopted by a yea and nay vote:  
Yeas   ; Nays   ; Absent  
Attest:- Diane LeBlanc, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:

Diane LeBlanc  
City Clerk