

LAND PURCHASE RESOLUTION #105 OF 2019

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 31 SEMINARY STREET FOR THE SHARED SERVICES PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING PROJECT

By Councilor Giannettino

September 5, 2019

WHEREAS, over the last decade, the City of Auburn has reviewed various assessments and plans relating to the capital and facility needs of its Fire and Police Departments, and its City Court; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the City reviewed Operations, Facility & Needs Assessments for the Auburn Fire Department (“AFD”), Auburn Police Department (“APD”), and City Court, which all identified multiple problems and concerns; and

WHEREAS, the AFD Assessment identified building and structural concerns, undersized building and clearance problems, a lack of an emergency operations center and classrooms, a lack of ADA compliance, and a lack of decontamination space; and

WHEREAS, the APD Assessment recognized the lack of a Sally Port, a lack of ADA compliance, lack of impound and evidence storage space, water infiltration due to storms and apparatus bays, and the need for additional general Capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, the review of the City Court space, by the City with the Office of Court Administration, revealed that the current space located in the Historic Post Office, owned by Cayuga County, lacks the capacity for adequate case file storage, fails to provide two Courtrooms, which is required by the law, and fails to meet ADA compliance; and

WHEREAS, as a result of all of the foregoing concerns, in the summer of 2015, the City issued a request for proposals, which sought to explore various possible locations and designs for a new Public Safety Building; and

WHEREAS, out of the proposals submitted, the real property located at 31 Seminary Street was identified as favorable since it is centrally located, which is ideal for response time for AFD calls, and would serve as a catalyst for neighborhood investment and redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City did not accept any of the proposals submitted in 2015, but the project continued on with a focus on finding opportunities for funding and how best to coordinate the various needs of the APD, AFD and City Courts; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2016, 2017, and 2018 the City made three separate applications for funding through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (the “DRI”) and in July, 2019, the City received news of the award for the Shared Services Public Safety Building project; and

WHEREAS, now, the City is ready to move this project forward by taking the first step, which is to purchase the real property commonly known as 31 Seminary Street for the purpose of relocating the Auburn Fire Department together with other emergency services; and

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WHEREAS, the Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, sets forth the purchase of real property at 31 Seminary Street from Seminary Commons, LLC, for the purchase price of \$990,000, which includes the value of the property together with all improvements, environmental reports, and existing lease agreements for existing tenants located in the space; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of the above mentioned parcel will provide adequate facilities to the City Fire Department and related emergency operations whose services are necessary and critical for the safety, health and welfare of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby approve a Contract of Sale, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, for the purchase of real property known as 31 Seminary Street from Seminary Commons, LLC, for the purchase price of \$990,000 together with closing costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the Comptroller to charge the cost of this resolution to Account #A1940.440; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auburn City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor, or his named designee, to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out the purpose of this resolution.

Seconded by Councilor Carabajal

	Ayes	Noes
Councilor McCormick	X	
Councilor Giannettino	X	
Councilor Cuddy	X	
Councilor Carabajal	X	
Mayor Quill	X	
Carried and Adopted	X	

City of Auburn, New York

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF CAYUGA)

I, CHARLES MASON, Clerk of the City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York (the "City"),
DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

That I have compared the annexed abstract of the minutes of the meeting of the Council of the City (the "Council"), held on the 5th day of September, 2019, including the Council Resolution #105 of 2019 contained therein, with the original thereof on file in my office, and the attached is a true and correct copy of said original and of the whole of said original so far as the same relates to the subject matters therein referred to.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City this 6th day of September, 2019.



Charles Mason, Clerk
City of Auburn, Cayuga County, New York