



City of Newport
REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

To: Mayor Xay R. Khamsyvoravong & Members of the City Council
From: Colin K. Kennedy, MPA, City Manager *CK*
Date: July 16, 2024
Subject: Purchase and Sale Agreement – RI Department of Transportation (RIDOT)
81 Garfield Street
Staff Presentation: Robert C. Schultz, Jr., General Manager / Chief Engineer

RECOMMENDATION:

The City of Newport Department of Utilities recommends a purchase and sale agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation for the property located at 81 Garfield Street. The cost should not exceed \$500,000, including a \$50,000 contingency. The funding for this agreement will come from the Department of Utilities Water Pollution Control Division Capital Funds.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Newport, Rhode Island is confronted with a unique set of challenges, including inland flooding caused by intense precipitation events and the consequences of rising sea levels. These issues not only pose risks to the area's infrastructure but also to its overall population.

One particular area affected by these challenges is the Prescott Hall neighborhood. Situated within the 100-year and 500-year FEMA flood zones, residents of this neighborhood have reported experiencing flooding multiple times throughout the year.

The subject property is located at a critical point in the watershed where additional infrastructure is required. Controlling the property will minimize construction constraints and should reduce costs. As part of the overall process, the property will undergo a complete cost-benefit analysis for flood mitigation of existing homes, which involves a comprehensive analysis of the potential benefits and costs associated with flood-mitigation measures. This entire process will be used as a case study and example for other private properties throughout the city.

PREVIOUS LEGISLATIVE ACTION

FISCAL IMPACT

Currently Budgeted (Account 10190500-050440) Requires additional appropriation No Fiscal Impact

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Resolution

Finance Dept. Review: *7/17/24* Date By: *REN* (if applicable)

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**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL**

No. _____

RESOLVED: that the Purchase and Sales Agreement with the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) for the purchase of 81 Garfield Street, Newport, Rhode Island, is hereby approved at a cost not to exceed \$500,000 and the Mayor is authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City, subject to favorable review by the City Solicitor.

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED

Laura C. Swistak
City Clerk