

**CITY OF WOBURN
DECEMBER 12, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WOBURN CITY HALL
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Roll Call

Anderson	Gately
Campbell	Higgins
Concannon	Mercer-Bruen
Gaffney	Tedesco
Haggerty	

Pursuant to Title III, Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Woburn, His Honor the Mayor has called a Special Meeting of the City Council for the purpose of Public hearing and action on tax classification; action on any financial matters including transfers and appropriations pending in Committee on Finance and new transfers and appropriations; action on Order authorizing the city to file and accept grants for the construction of Clapp Park at Fleming Field; and a petition by Leo Realty Holdings LLC for a special permit to allow eight residential units above commercial structure and to amend a special permit to allow for an addition at 371-375 Main Street.

VOTED to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting's Journal and to APPROVE.

On the Order to transfer the sum of \$1,783,325.00 from Debt Reserve Account to Debt Principal Account in the sum of \$1,310,000.00 and the Debt Interest Account in the sum of \$473,325.00.

On the Order to transfer the sum of \$90,000.00 from the Cemetery Interest Fund to the Cemetery New Equipment Account.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

On the matter relative to Tax Classification for the City of Woburn. PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

A communication dated October 8, 2017 with attachment was received from Mayor Scott D. Galvin as follows:

Re: Proposed Order for the City of Woburn's Application to the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant Program: Clapp Park at Fleming Field

Dear Council:

In support of the City of Woburn's pending application for State PARC grant funding for the development of Clapp Park, I respectfully request the Council's consideration and passage of the proposed Order (attached hereto). City Council authorization of the proposed Order by the end of the 2017 calendar year is a required element of the PARC program application process. As a result, your action on this matter would be very much appreciated by this evening.

As you are aware, this project presents a major opportunity for the City to redevelop a decommissioned school facility and property into a multi-use recreation park for a wide range of users of all ages and abilities and demonstrates a commitment to the City's Master Plan and its Open Space and Recreation Plan. In addition, extensive public input has been actively sought and incorporated into the design in order to create a facility that reflects the recreational needs and desires of Woburn's residents.

As background, the City's recent application for a Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant will be awarded if Federal funding is received by the Commonwealth; but given the uncertain nature of that funding source, the City elected to apply for a PARC grant as well. An announcement relative to the City's PARC application is expected shortly.

If you require additional information about the project or have any questions about our application, please contact me or Dan Orr, the City's grant writer.

Respectfully, s/Scott D. Galvin, Mayor

Attached thereto was the following Order:

ORDERED Whereas Clapp Park at Fleming Field will serve as a community-wide asset and the preservation and improvements to this facility are a City priority as evidenced in the most recent Open Space and Recreation Plan; and

Whereas Clapp Park at Fleming Field will be designed and used for park and recreation purposes; and

Whereas Clapp Park at Fleming Field's ultimate creation, guided in principal by the City of Woburn's Open Space and Recreation Plan, will be greatly enhanced with improved infrastructure, path systems, site lighting, universal access, etc.; and

Whereas The main focus of the Plan is to increase the available space for the enjoyment of outdoor recreation by users of all ages, and the overall cost and fiscal budget constraints prevent the City from proceeding with implementation at its sole cost; and

Whereas The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is offering reimbursable grants to cities and towns to support the preservation and restoration of urban parks through the PARC (formerly Urban Self-Help) Act (301 CMR 5.00); and

Whereas the Clapp Park at Fleming Field Project will cost a total of approximately \$997 thousand (Nine-Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Dollars) to construct; and

Whereas the City has appropriated the total cost of Clapp Park at Fleming Field project (\$997 thousand) but anticipates an effective municipal share of \$597,000 post-grant reimbursement (having received \$400,000 in PARC grant funding).

Now therefore be it Ordered:

1. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to file and accept grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs; and
2. That the Mayor be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of this grant to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department; and
3. That this resolution shall take effect upon passage; and
4. That the Clapp Park at Fleming Field property is designated as parkland in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3.

s/Joanne Campbell

On the petition by Leo Realty Holdings LLC, 17 Concord Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts for special permits pursuant to 1985 Woburn Zoning Ordinances, as amended, Section 5.1.5 to 1; allow for eight (8) residential units above first floor story in commercial structure at 375 Main Street; and 2. To amend a prior special permit to allow for an addition to 371 Main Street.

Motion made and 2nd to ADJOURN.