

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, RENEWAL AND PLANNING

HEARING IN RE: AMENDMENT TO VARIOUS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
FOR ADDITIONAL ACQUISITION AND PROJECT  
IMPROVEMENTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1996

6:00 P.M.

PROVIDENCE CITY HALL  
CHAMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

CALLAGHAN REPORTING SERVICE

1 CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
2 COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AND RENEWAL AND PLANNING  
3 (COMMENCING AT 6:03 P.M.)

4 MS. DIRUZZO: This hearing of  
5 the Committee on Urban Redevelopment will please come to  
6 order. We have one item to be heard tonight, and it's  
7 with regard to an amendment for the West End project for  
8 additional acquisition. Tonight's hearing is just to  
9 present the amendment to the public and receive  
10 testimony for and against the proposal. We will not be  
11 conducting a meeting after this hearing. We will be  
12 scheduling one for another date at a later time.  
13 Tonight we have with us Tom Deller, Deputy Director of  
14 the Department of Planning and Development, and we have  
15 as well in attendance, Councilman Allen. Mr. Deller?

16 MR. DELLER: Thank you,  
17 Councilwoman. The purpose of this public hearing is to  
18 solicit comment on the request of the Redevelopment  
19 Agency to amend the West End Redevelopment Plan to  
20 acquire Assessor's Plat 31, Lots 47 and 457, identified  
21 as 121 and 123 Ford Street. These properties are  
22 vacant. We own the adjacent piece of property, 127 Ford  
23 Street. We're looking to acquire these additional  
24 parcels so that we may carry out some improvements as

1 part of the West End Redevelopment Plan. I'm not going  
2 to go into detail about why we're proposing this,  
3 because Mr. Allen will explain that. The Redevelopment  
4 Agency approved this request at its July meeting and is  
5 requesting that the Council also approve this amendment  
6 so that acquisition can begin by October.

7 MS. DIRUZZO: Councilman  
8 Allen?

9 MR. ALLEN: Thank you, Madam  
10 Chair. The intent of this particular acquisition is to  
11 allow for a mutually agreeable switch between the West  
12 End Housing Development, which is doing a major job with  
13 the public housing effort in the West End and Ward 8, in  
14 particular, and the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The church  
15 has a need for some parking, and the particular pieces  
16 that we're trying to acquire would make parking more  
17 manageable, make the traffic flow more operational in  
18 the 8th Ward on Sunday morning and Saturdays when they  
19 have church service. The switch will include switching  
20 lots owned by the Ebenezer Baptist Church on Superior  
21 Street to the West End Housing Development Corporation.  
22 In exchange for those lots, they will be allowed to  
23 purchase these lots here on Ford Street. It's a great  
24 win-win situation for the community and for the Housing

1 Development Corporation as well as for one of the major  
2 religious edifices in the 8th Ward on Cranston Street.  
3 The Ebenezer Baptist Church and I wholeheartedly support  
4 it. Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.

5 MS. DIRUZZO: Is there anyone  
6 else how wishes to speak? We'll conclude this hearing,  
7 then, and we will schedule another in the next couple of  
8 weeks. Thank you for coming.

9 (HEARING CONCLUDED AT 6:07 P.M.)

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, LORI ANN MEROLLA, do hereby  
certify that the foregoing transcript is true and  
accurate according to my stenographic notes.

*Lori Ann Merolla*

Lori Ann Merolla

Notary Public, Stenographer

10-2-96

Date

(My Commission Expires 8-15-97)

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24

