

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: **ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS** Authorizing the City of New Haven acting through the Livable City Initiative to negotiate and enter into a binding contract to purchase the property commonly known as 188-206 Bassett Street and 218-222 Bassett Street. (Executive Director of Livable City Initiative)

REPORT: 1557-10

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The City of New Haven is interested in purchasing the commercial structure located at 188-206 Bassett Street and the neighboring parking lot at 218-222 Bassett Street, in the Newhallville neighborhood for the proposed purchase price for \$900,000.00.

Property: A vacant 2-story 70,953 square-foot brick commercial building containing 46,119 square feet of usable commercial space along with a 7,000 square-foot parking lot, which has been fenced and paved.

Purpose: To create economic growth through microenterprise and small business development, commercial light industrial development, job creation, job retention, and job training activities. To convert the building to an employee-owned and operated laundry and fitness facility for the community, offering community wellness and healthy options for living, a satellite training facility for job training and placement services, and potential office space for local non-profit neighborhood development services.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The purchasing of properties known as 188-206 Bassett Street and 218-222 Bassett Street complies with the City's Comprehensive Plan:

New Haven Vision 2025, Executive Summary "The community vision is to continue to grow as a sustainable, healthy, and vibrant city over the next decade... to that end: Grow, skills of local workforce, small business assistance,"

New Haven Vision 2025, Section VI-16: "Continue to encourage the location of locally-owned destination businesses and restaurants that add to the uniqueness of the city."

Note that this type of project may require zoning relief.

ADVICE

The Commission finds the Resolution in the best interest of the City and recommends approval.

ADOPTED: May 15, 2019
Ed Mattison
Chair

ATTEST: 
Aicha Woods
Director, City Plan Department