

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 718

Approved December 28, 1998

WHEREAS, It has been brought to the attention of the City Council that the existing Public Safety Facility, located at LaSalle Square, is in need of major renovations and repairs, and

WHEREAS, It is the intention of the City Council to assess the feasibility of constructing a new Public Safety facility, and

WHEREAS, An analysis of alternative site locations was conducted in 1992 through the Providence Public Building Authority, and

WHEREAS, It has been determined that the existing Public Safety site is a prime location for commercial development opportunities, and

WHEREAS, The City Council on June 19, 1997, passed a resolution in support of the development of a new Public Safety Building, and

WHEREAS, The Providence Redevelopment Agency has the expertise and experience to solicit development proposals and coordinate the development activities of the City of Providence,

WHEREAS, The Providence Redevelopment Agency was directed, by the City Council to solicit proposals for the development of a Public Safety Facility, consistent with the PBA analysis, which included proposals for an adaptive commercial use for the existing Public Safety site;

WHEREAS, The Providence Redevelopment Agency has submitted all proposals for the development of a Public Safety facility to the City Council Committee for Finance, and the Committee for Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning,

WHEREAS, Upon submitting said proposals, the Providence Redevelopment Agency presented an analysis of the proposals as well as their recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Joint Committee of Urban Redevelopment, Renewal and Planning and Finance reports and recommends the following be approved by the entire City Council:

- A) The best use for the LaSalle Square property is a hotel, specifically the Embassy Suites as proposed by REI/Wasserman; and
- B) REI/Wasserman is hereby designated as the developer; and
- C) There is a need for a new Public Safety facility; and

D) In order to provide the existing location for redevelopment purposes, namely a hotel, an interim site shall be utilized for public safety facilities;

E) The Police Department, Fire Department, Housing Court and Municipal Court must approve the design of the proposed interim site and proposed new public safety facility prior to execution of documents;

F) The Police Department, Fire Department and any other appropriate city department shall implement a plan to move the public safety departments into both the interim facility and permanent public safety facility;

G) The developer must continue good-faith discussions with adjacent property owners;

H) The developer must provide documentation of leases for additional parking for the hotel; and

I) It shall be the goal of the developers to award to Minority Business Enterprises and Woman Business Enterprises in excess of the 10% of the dollar value of the construction cost of the facility as promulgated in R.I.G.L. § 37-14.1.

NOW THEREFORE, It shall be further resolved that documents shall be submitted to consider :

- 1) A tax stabilization plan for the proposed hotel;
- 2) Transfer of the LaSalle Square site to the Providence Redevelopment Agency;
- 3) A lease between the City and the Providence Redevelopment Agency for the proposed Public Safety facility;
- 4) Condemnation proceedings for the proposed Public Safety facility; and
- 5) Any and all related acquisition, construction and financial documents.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED
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PRES.
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CLERK

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DEC 28 1998
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MAYOR