

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 10, 2016**

A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 in the aldermanic chambers of City Hall. Chairman Vetro opened the public hearing at 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

B. Anderson
E. Beatty
B. Bevan
B. Bier
M. Casey
D. German
A. Giannattasio
J. Golden
J. Grant
M. Hardiman
S. Shaw
F. Smith
N. Veccharelli
P. Vetro
R. Vitali

Also Present

Mayor Benjamin Blake
Joanne M. Rohrig, City Clerk
Steve Fournier, Asst to Mayor
Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney

Chairman Vetro stated tonight's Public Hearing was being held in accordance with Connecticut Public Statutes concerning the matters of a) 25-27 Daniel Street and b) 0 Myers Lane (Map 37, Block 520, Parcel 13DD).

Chairman Vetro opened the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

- a) **25-27 Daniel Street** – Consideration pursuant to CGS §8-24 for Lease of portion of 25-27 Daniel Street to Eli's Restaurant for an outdoor patio.

Speakers in Favor – none.

Speakers in Opposition – none.

- b) **0 Myers Lane (Map 37, Block 520, Parcel 13DD)** – Consideration pursuant to CGS §8-24 for transfer of approximately 0.07 acres of land located at 0 Myers Lane (Map 37, Block 520, Parcel 13DD) to Lisa Leso, adjoining landowner.

Speakers in Favor:

Attorney Kevin Curseaden - 26 Cherry Street, with his clients Lisa and Mark Leso. He stated the request is a simple straight forward request of non-deed restricted land and that the land was dedicated

to the City of Milford in 1969. He stated his clients are asking for a small portion of that land and went on to explain the background. Attorney Curseaden stated the lot meets all of the building requirements. He stated if approved tonight they would then go to Inland Wetlands and Planning and Zoning for approval. He stated over the years the Lesos have paid \$22,300 dollars in taxes for the parcel. It was taxed at a higher rate because the city assessor deemed it a buildable lot. He stated tonight was just the beginning and if approved they would follow the proper protocol. He stated the proposal has already been approved by various other city departments, boards and commissions, as well as the fire department and engineering department, with recommendations. Attorney Curseaden continued with an explanation of the packet distributed to the aldermen. He stated it is not deed restricted city space, simply land the city owns. Attorney Curseaden stated his clients were simply asking for 0.16% of the entire space and 19% of the sliver lot. He also reported the proper notices were met pursuant to the statute.

Lisa Leso - 20 Myers Lane - explained due to a recent medical diagnosis, they would like to build a one level home. She stated they currently live in a raised ranch.

Mark Leso – 20 Myers Lane - added it would add dollars to the city's tax rolls. He stated they have spoken with the adjacent homeowners who have no opposition to their request. He stated he also has a letter from the resident at 11 Myers Court who has also walked the property with him and that she too has no objection to their request. He thanked the Board for their consideration.

Attorney Curseaden stated he also has a map board which he would make available to the Board.

Speakers in Opposition:

Bob Whelan - 42 Indian Hill Road - stated his property is adjacent to the Leso property. He spoke about the access to the property which is an easement for drainage. He stated he has a petition from the neighbors who are in opposition to the request and that they would ask this Board to deny this application. Mr. Whelan stated the neighboring homeowners have strong opposition to the city transferring city property to residents. He went on to explain the canvass of the neighborhood that he conducted. He stated many of the neighbors were not aware of this application. He stated he was confident he could obtain hundreds of signatures. He thanked the Board for their consideration. Provided the Board with the signatures he obtained as well as a map.

Being no other speakers to address the Board, Chairman Vetro closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Ald. Veccharelli and Ald. Golden made and seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Kennedy
Recording Secretary