



Legislation Text

File #: 24-0935, Version: 1

Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing () Amending

Type of Service: Declaring an area in need of redevelopment.

Purpose: Designating an area in need of redevelopment

List of Property:

(Address/Block/Lot/Ward)

20-24 Branford Place/Block 57/Lot 161/Central Ward

Additional Information:

Resolution 7R2-h(AS), adopted on March 20, 2024, authorized and directed the Central Planning Board to conduct a preliminary investigation.

WHEREAS, the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq., (the “Redevelopment Law”), authorizes municipalities to determine whether certain parcels of land located therein constitute areas in need of redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, the Newark Municipal Council (“Municipal Council”) adopted Resolution 7R2-h(as) authorizing and directing the Newark Central Planning Board (the “Central Planning Board”) to conduct a preliminary investigation to determine whether a certain property, identified on the Official Tax Map of the City of Newark as 20-24 Branford Place (Block 57, Lot 161) or any portion thereof (referred to as the “Study Area”) is considered an “area in need of redevelopment” according to the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5 of the Redevelopment Law and should be designated as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area, as defined by the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the Central Planning Board conducted a preliminary investigation of the Study Area to determine whether the Study Area should be designated as an Area in Need of Redevelopment and designated a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment in accordance with the criteria and procedures set forth in N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 40A:12A-6; and

WHEREAS, a virtual public hearing was conducted by the Central Planning Board on June 10, 2024, with notice having properly been given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6(b)(3); and

WHEREAS, after completing its investigation and virtual public hearing on this matter, the Central Planning Board concluded that there was sufficient credible evidence to support findings that the Study Area satisfies the criteria set forth in the Redevelopment Law, particularly at N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 et seq., for designating the Study Area as a Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Study Area meets criteria “b” in accordance with the Local Housing and Redevelopment Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Redevelopment Law and as memorialized by Resolution dated June 10, 2024, the Central Planning Board recommended to the Municipal Council that the Study Area be designated as a Non-Condensation Area in Need of Redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Central Planning Board and at this time wishes to designate the Study Area as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area pursuant to the Redevelopment Law; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Study Area as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area shall authorize the municipality to use all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a redevelopment area, other than the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire any property in the Study Area; and

WHEREAS, in order to effectuate the Municipal Council's designation of the Study Area as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area, the adoption of a Redevelopment Plan by the Municipal Council by ordinance is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 12A-7; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council desires to direct the Central Planning Board to prepare a Redevelopment Plan and transmit the proposed Plan to the Municipal Council for its consideration upon completion of the Central Planning Board's review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. The Newark Municipal Council has reviewed the recommendation of the Central Planning Board and finds that: 20-24 Branford Place (Block 57, Lot 161) in the Central Ward, as shown on the Official Tax Map of the City of Newark (the "Property") qualifies as an Area in Need of Redevelopment pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
2. The Property is hereby designated as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area in accordance with the relevant provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.
3. The designation of the Property as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area shall authorize the City to exercise all those powers provided by the Legislature for use in a Redevelopment Area, other than the use of the power of eminent domain to acquire any Property in the Study Area.
4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for review, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-6(b)(5)(c).
5. Within ten (10) days of the Municipal Council's adoption of this Resolution, the Department of Economic and Housing Development shall serve notice of the Municipal

Council's determination and this Resolution upon all record owners of property within the Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area, those whose names are listed on the Tax Assessor's records, and upon each person who filed a written objection thereto and stated, in or upon the written submission, an address to which notice of the determination and Resolution may be sent.

6. The Central Planning Board is hereby authorized and directed to create and transmit a Redevelopment Plan and Report to the Municipal Council pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq. The Central Planning Board's Report shall include an identification of any provisions in the proposed Redevelopment Plan, which are inconsistent with the Master Plan and recommendations concerning these inconsistencies and any other matter as the Central Planning Board deem appropriate.
7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This Resolution authorizes the Municipal Council to designate 20-24 Branford Place (Block 57, Lot 161) in the Central Ward as a Non-Condensation Redevelopment Area and further directs the Central Planning Board to create and transmit a Redevelopment Plan and Report to the Municipal Council pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.