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September 15th, 2016

Dear Mayor Warren and City Council:

I am requesting that Docket Item #282-16 requesting Site Plan Approval pursuant to Sec. 5-58 of the City Ordinances for installation of modulars at Newton South High School and Brown Middle School be amended to add an Emergency Preamble. As discussed by school staff during the public hearing held by the Public Facilities Committee of the City Council, the classroom for the Newton South High School Stabilization program is located in an uninsulated metal building that, while serviceable, fails to provide appropriate classroom space. Brown Middle School is also experiencing a serious shortage in classroom space which has disrupted the ability of school staff to provide efficient classroom instruction for several programs. If the Public Buildings Department is required to delay installing the necessary foundations and moving the modulars to the locations at these two schools for twenty days following approval of Docket Item #282-16 in accordance with Sec. 2-9(a) of the City Charter, I am concerned that the arrival of fall weather conditions with result in further delays in relieving the pressure both students and staff are experiencing due to the lack of classroom space.

Accordingly, I am requesting that the City Council add an Emergency Preamble to Docket Item #282-16 to allow construction to start immediately on installation of the modulars at Newton South High School and Brown Middle School.

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

BE IT HEREBY ORDERED:

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council that the following measure constitutes an Emergency Measure under Section 2-9(b) of the Charter of the City of Newton due to the fact that a health/safety emergency exists: specifically, there is an immediate need to install modular classrooms at Newton South High School and Brown Middle School to relieve a shortage of classroom space at both schools as soon as possible in the 2016-2017 school year.

THEREFORE, the following measure shall be and hereby is adopted as an Emergency Measure which shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


Josh Morse
Buildings Commissioner
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CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2016

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council that the following measure constitutes an Emergency Measure under Section 2-9(b) of the Charter of the City of Newton due to the fact that a health/safety emergency exists: specifically, there is an immediate need to install modular classrooms at Newton South High School and Brown Middle School to relieve a shortage of classroom space at both schools as soon as possible in the 2016-2017 school year.

THEREFORE, the following measure shall be and hereby is adopted as an Emergency Measure, which shall take effect immediately upon adoption:

ORDERED:

That the City Council finding that the public interest and convenience would be served by its action, hereby grants SITE PLAN APPROVAL to the City of Newton/School Department to place four (4) modular classrooms at the following schools: Newton South High School (2 modulars) and the Charles E. Brown Middle School (2 modulars) pursuant to the provisions of Sec.5-58 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton, in accordance with the recommendations of the Public Facilities Committee:

Docket Number: 282-16

Petitioner: The Design Review Committee of the City of Newton

Locations: Newton South High School at 140 Brandeis Road, specifically described as Section 81 Block 51, Lot 47, containing approximately 1,458,270 sf of land;

Charles E. Brown Middle School at 125 Meadowbrook Road, specifically described as Section 81, Block 5, Lot 11, containing approximately 360,183 sf of land

Owner: City of Newton/School Department

Owner's Address: Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

To be used for: Temporary modular classrooms

Explanatory note: All new construction of a municipal building requires Site Plan Approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 5-58 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Newton.

The land referred to is zoned Public Use.

1. Site Plan Approval granted herein for construction of four (4) modular classrooms at the above schools in accordance with plans entitled as follows:

“Modular Classrooms at Newton South High School, Review Set dated August 25, 2016, prepared by Raymond Design Associates, Inc.”

“Modular Classrooms at Brown Middle School, Review Set dated August 25, 2016, prepared by Raymond Design Associates, Inc.”

2. That, prior to the releasing construction documents to the City’s on-call general contractor for construction:
 - a. As to Newton South High School, the School Department agree that no space within the existing metal building be designed or used for classroom space. Such building may be used for storage and to provide bathroom facilities for the modular classrooms.
 - b. As to Charles E. Brown Middle School, a continuous enclosed walkway to shelter users of the modular classrooms be designed to the maximum extent allowable by code without imposing the need for installation of a sprinkler system through the entire school building, such walkway to be constructed together with the modular classrooms.
 - c. General requirements applicable to both schools,
 - i. Site lighting be installed in a way that maximizes student and staff safety, while ensuring there is no light trespass or pollution
 - ii. Design and build the foundation system in a way that protects the modular infrastructure from animals and pests.
 - iii. Ensure that installation of the modular does not create any site drainage issues.
 - iv. The Public Buildings Department shall submit a Construction Management Plan to the Planning, Engineering, Fire and Inspectional Services Department.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved

(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON, City Clerk