

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

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May 1, 2023 Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

**Submitted on Thu, 04/27/2023 - 12:42**

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**Subject**

Other \$1 Options for McIntyre

**Address**

60 Pinehurst Rd.

**Message**

<https://www.gsa.gov/real-estate/real-estate-services/real-property-utilization-disposal/surplus-real-property-available-for-public-use>

Per the link above, there are other \$1 options for McIntyre, including a park, recreational facilities, and low-income housing. The low-income housing option can be conveyed with a 30 year duration, after which Portsmouth could sell the property. at fair market value. Imagine that value in 30 years! In the interim, we can solve our low income housing problem on a more global basis. We may have failed on the historical monument option, but it's time to get some additional NH and federal political muscle behind us to make these options happen.

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

*Councilor Cook's response to above:*

Dear Sally,

Thank you for sharing your ideas with us. Unfortunately, the General Services Administration (GSA) has informed the City that it will only convey the building to the City at fair market value for its best and highest use through a negotiated sale. This means that the opportunity to acquire the building for \$1 has ended. If the City were to acquire the McIntyre site, it would have to be through paying the market appraised value for the location.

I hope this helps better explain the current situation. We all share the goal of building more affordable housing in Portsmouth, and I hope the Council will be able to move forward with more affordable housing opportunities in the near future.

Thanks,

Kate Cook

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**Submitted on Fri, 04/28/2023 - 17:11**

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**Subject**

City Council Meeting May 1 2023 Report Back on Negotiated Sale Process and Fair Market Value for Acquisition of McIntyre Property

**Address**

91 Fairview Ave

**Message**

I am asking the City Council to Vote Yes on Motion 2 to enter into a purchase agreement for the Acquisition of McIntyre Property. If the City doesn't own it then forever the heart of the city will be turned into another massive hotel/condo project that will shut out the residents. The City will hold all the cards on future development if we own it (short or long term).

I am also asking that Motion 2 is ruled out of order. Motion 2 is a "negative motion" which is generally not allowed by Roberts Rules

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

**Submitted on Fri, 04/28/2023 - 18:28**

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**Subject**

McIntyre

**Address**

308 Richards Ave

**Message**

Full stop. Don't pass Go. Don't subject us residents to \$25mm, plus endless more lawsuits, high development costs, and more.

STOP THE INSANITY and vote NO buying McTrosity.

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Sat, 04/29/2023 - 11:27**

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Nancy Pearson

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**Subject**

Flash Vote

**Address**

Portsmouth, New Hampshire. 03801

**Message**

Dear Mayor and Council: Regarding tomorrow night's agenda item concerning the acquisition of the McIntyre building, I am left wondering why, in these two weeks of consideration, you did not use the tools available to you to gain input from the public beyond the habitual speakers who attend every meeting? Several weeks ago, I signed up for Flash Vote but have not been contacted by the city for any input. If you want to hear from a more diverse spectrum of opinions, please consider delaying this decision until you have made a good-faith effort to reach beyond those who regularly attend council meetings. Not everybody wants to, or can, attend a council meeting. Not everybody is proactively paying attention to city business. But I assure you, people have an opinion on this matter. I am sure there is a way to lay out the options for the public so we fully understand the pros and cons of the various ways to move forward. I appreciate your consideration and thank you for all the hard work you do. Nancy Pearson

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Sat, 04/29/2023 - 12:31**

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**Subject**

McIntyre building

**Address**

1179 Maplewood Avenue

**Message**

Dear Councilors,

Please let the McIntyre building go. I would hate to see items removed from the current Cap.Improvement plan, and I also don't think the city should take on \$20+M in debt, only to then have to go through another free-for-all of trying to decide what, specifically, should be done with the site. The restrictions and inflexibility of the GSA make this an albatross we don't need. Thank you.

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Sat, 04/29/2023 - 13:16**

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Gerald Duffy

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**Subject**

McIntyre - let's walk away

**Address**

428 Pleasant St., Unit 3

**Message**

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

I've studied the report-back information and comments from City staff regarding options for the McIntyre property, should the city decide to purchase it. None of them are appealing. The least undesirable option — buying and subdividing — calls for the city to become a developer and risk taxpayer money to the whims of the real estate market. We have already demonstrated that that area is not our strong suit. As a taxpayer, I expect the city to manage our finances prudently. This project has already cost us millions that we will never see back. Please decline the option to purchase and free up the federal government to sell the property on the open market. Our land use permitting process should provide the necessary guard rails for a sound project and the city can then count on substantial revenues into the indefinite future. There are already many projects of public benefit where we can invest funds of that scale. Please do not saddle us with a boat load of extra debt.

Regards,

Gerald Duffy

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Sat, 04/29/2023 - 14:57**

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**Subject**

McIntyre -- please walk away

**Address**

428 Pleasant St., Unit 3

**Message**

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

Thanks go to city management for providing, at short notice, helpful information and comments about the options we would have, were the city to purchase the McIntyre property.

After studying the various options, I find none of them appealing, from either the public benefit aspect or the financial perspective. There are too many unknowns, risks, and in some cases the need for vast amounts of new public debt. We already have large projects lined up in our Capital Improvement Plan, some of which would be affected, and almost certainly new projects coming down the pike. If the city is going to invest an unplanned \$25 million of taxpayer money, there is only one place I would like to see that go -- into projects that, as quickly as possible, start to chip away at the city's unmet demand for housing for residents and would-be residents who are not wealthy. If calling housing a "crisis" is to be any more than lip service, now is the time for the council to signal its sense of urgency and to vigorously support the best solutions to address it.

Regards,

Gerald Duffy

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Sun, 04/30/2023 - 09:45**

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Matthew Glenn

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**Subject**

Support for reviewing Parking Requirements

**Address**

Harrison Ave

**Message**

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I would like to applaud and support Councilor Cook's request to review ordinances around parking requirements in Portsmouth. In this time of housing crisis and climate crisis we shouldn't delay new housing for people over concerns about the housing of cars. We don't need to look to big cities like Boston and Cambridge— there are good examples right next door in Dover and Seabrook NH of ordinance changes to both remove parking minimums and set up parking maximums or look at each project on a case by case basis.

Removing parking requirements for new development doesn't mean developers will stop building parking; just that the market will be able to decide how many, as was the case before sprawl-inducing zoning laws.

Rather than say more I encourage you to take 5 minutes to look at some of the many examples here, such as Portland and Brunswick ME, Brattleboro VT, and Seabrook and Dover:

<https://parkingreform.org/resources/mandates-map/>

I hope you can vote to start the discussion here in Portsmouth.

Regards,

Matthew Glenn

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting. Yes**

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**Submitted on Sun, 04/30/2023 - 11:18**

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**Subject**

McIntyre building and 2.1 acres of prime real estate

**Address**

249 Islington St

**Message**

Please vote to purchase and rezone if to municipal zoning. Then resell buildings to developers. Make the open space community / park space. Remove the walls, make underground parking, and build space for park and community use above.

Developers have taken over seeking the highest returns, and extracting character from our city. For those of you that have live here more than 10 years, you know. Things have changed drastically. The cities vibrant local character is being washed away. Please work with residents to use this space for something that benefits residents, visitor, and such overall.

We also need some sort of mail car, nothing huge like before, but some method for postal services, otherwise we have to drive to New Castle or Kittery, which are closer than Heritage Ave.

Downtown also lacks a pharmacy, while town Islington, nothing downtown.

Please do not allow more luxury condos, offices, apartments, That's all the development that has occurred in the downtown area in the last 20 years. All of which hasn't had enough parking to support, and therefore overflow parking spilled over into neighborhoods taking up areas residents need for parking at their homes. I can't tell you how many time professionals from Harborplace and other offices in downtown parked on Gates, Manning St, and meeting house lot to avoid paying for parking and blocking residents from parking near the homes.

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting. Yes**

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**Submitted on Sun, 04/30/2023 - 13:51**

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**Subject**

McIntyre Building / Status

**Address**

38 Georges Terrace

**Message**

Dear Councilors

I've written lengthy messages with regards to reasons for attempting to acquire the McIntyre building, I was informed that the messages didn't move through this system to you so I won;t construct this message with detail not knowing if it will fail to get to you.

PLEASE take the responsible action to acquire the McIntyre Building with the necessary time to to so. As we all know that to the present this has been a unfortunate, confusing, and costly process and what took place is in the past. The importance of a project of this type and the

magnitude of its meaning to the City of Portsmouth is not as much measured in the now but measured in the future of this city. Hindsight will always be seen as 20/20. Take the time to do this task right without the legal and conflictual aggravations that have occurred. This is a legacy project that the future will admire if done right. Be responsible to do it right

With thanks to your time.

Erik Anderson

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 06:28**

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**Subject**

Purchase of McIntyre Buliding

**Address**

14 Sheffield Rd

**Message**

Please do not enter into a negotiated purchase of the McIntyre building with the GSA. The cost of purchasing the building and then renovating it will be too expensive. There are too many unknown variables that make the purchase of this building, for whatever purpose, too risky. Finally, after all these years, walk away from the McIntyre building.

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 08:04**

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Jim Splaine

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**Subject**

Student Government Day / Having 3 A Year / Involving Students 9th To 12th Grade / Student City Internships

**Address**

201 Oriental Gardens, Portsmouth, NH 03801

**Message**

To City Councilors -- A few weeks ago I sent to you a column about Student Government Day. What follows is a follow-up of the event that was on seacoastonline and in The Portsmouth Herald and Foster's Daily Democrat this past weekend. Each of you and the staff did a great job on the event.

I also include a link to an article quoting Richard Dreyfuss about the need for civic education. I don't usually forward Fox News items, but this interview hits home how getting young people involved in the government in every way possible is something we must do. I think Student Government Day has again proven its value and having two or three a year involving students in the 9th through 12th grades is important. And setting up dozens of on-going internships with students working with city department heads, elected officials, and other city employees. It will greatly help provide students with an "insider" feel for government and will encourage their involvement as they grow older. Plus, it provides our city employees and elected leaders a chance for getting fresh views and ideas. Yes, it will take time, but it is time well-spent. Thank You.

The Link (copy to search bar):

Richard Dreyfuss: Americans' ignorance of Constitution, disrespect for opposition has damaged our country | Fox News

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY: LEADERS FOR TOMORROW

Student Government Day returned to Portsmouth this month, reminding us that the dream Mary Carey Foley initiated years ago to get young people involved in their government must continue. It was brought back by efforts of City Councilor Rich Blalock, who himself had participated in the event over 20 years ago and personally saw how valuable the concept is to inspire up-and-coming generations. Real benefits come from Student Government Day, and they were clear to anyone watching the broadcast of the students' own city council meeting at City Hall after spending time learning about the ins and outs and the behind-the-scenes of government. Much work was done by Portsmouth High School teachers Michelle Wheeler and Heather Wheeler to prepare the students, with coordination by City Clerk Kelli Barnaby and City Manager Karen Conard. Putting logistics into place is difficult work, but was a gift to all involved.

Students were "assigned roles" as city department heads or council members, learning about the jobs of each. That made for personal and real one-to-one relationships and learning opportunities. Manager Conard reported that students met with department heads and City

Councilors and saw how collaborative efforts in government serve the public well.

Students included Kelly Moriarty, Maggie Pataki, Elise Sedam, Logan Reis, Josh Ciotti, Isha Shah, Oliver Fitzpatrick, Reilly Collins, Sophie Williams, Amanda Yusuf, Nic Caruso, Josh Cortez, Sawyer Bouvier, Sophia Cosgrove, James Johnston, Miles Borne, Lex Wu, John Tobin, Evie Tomberelli, Cullen Dennett, and Ben Gotlieb

I asked council members how it went. Assistant Mayor Joanna Kelley said, "As someone in our community without children, I've worked hard to find ways to connect to that population and I think student government day is one of the best of them. The kids were engaged, encouraged and most of all ready to learn. I hope we inspired these kids as much as they inspired me."

Councilor Andrew Bagley observed, "I think it was a tremendous success. I learned a lot from the students and I think it was beneficial for the council and staff as well."

Councilor John Tabor said, "It was exciting to see how Elise Sedam took a complicated problem - parking at the high school - and started with getting data on a sensible option. Her motion was clear and successful because she explained its benefits to everyone."

If we want to encourage young people to become engaged in their community, we need to do more of this. Doesn't it make sense to do similar events in the fall, winter, and spring? Sometimes, if one is good, more may be better.

Student Government Days and individual internships of students working for several weeks with city leaders can bridge better relationships between generations in our community. It looks good on student resumes for college and post-graduation employment. And city officials can learn from the fresh viewpoints of young people. Let's free up the talented minds in City Hall and our high school to invent even more exciting ways to get it done.

TODAY'S QUOTES: "I reached out to my student city councilor, Reilly Collins. He said 'Student government day was a fantastic way to show kids how the government works! My favorite part was learning how many jobs there are in the government. There is much more than what it looks like on TV. There is so much multitasking with 6 different things at once. It truly gave me a lot of respect for Councilor Blalock.

Everyone welcomed us with open arms and really helped me and my classmates learn about the daily life of the people we were shadowing.' I hope this experience gets their gears turning and encourages the students to pay attention and participate in their local government." -- City Councilor Rich Blalock

"Student Government Day reassured me that the future for Portsmouth is indeed very bright! They were well-versed on many critical local issues including the need for affordable housing, environmental sustainability planning, and recreation opportunities for youth. They were excited to meet the staff and ask questions to better understand our process." -- City Councilor Kate Cook

NEXT TIME: Governing Done in the Open is Governing Done Best.

Various since 1969, Jim Splaine has been Portsmouth Assistant Mayor for 6 terms, City Councilor for 9 terms, Police Commissioner, and School Board member, as well as N.H. State Senator for 3 terms and Representative for 24 years.

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting. Yes**

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**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 08:47**

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**Subject**

McIntyre

**Address**

213 Pleasant St

**Message**

Honourable Mayor and City Councilors,

My suggestion will not satisfy most of you. In today's world, \$\$\$\$ speak more loudly than anyone. However, I am putting it out there.

Let's create a park behind the McIntyre. Let's follow Frederick Law Olmsted's principles, which have been an enduring success for a hundred years throughout the country.

He believed that parks are democratic. They bring people together. They heal.

In the middle of our dense downtown, what could be more relevant than a park with space for children to play, others to sit and enjoy nature, water features, sculpture, a reminder of our maritime history.

This is my vision, i.e., a place of respite in an area of downtown where it is needed most. A place of community, not just retail, but a parcel activated by all of us for the benefit of all of us. Despite what others have said, we do not have too many parks. They should thread the city and its neighborhoods together.

Imagine, no developers, no buildings to cover the acres wanting this for that, fighting our own zoning ordinances, headache after headache after headache.

I want a park for the people to restore our sanity.

Thank you.

Patricia Bagley

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting. Yes**

**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 08:48**

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Kyle Engle

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**Subject**

McIntyre

**Message**

City Councilors,

I am asking the City Council to please vote no on any further involvement, or consideration of purchasing the McIntyre building. My writing will not shed any new thoughts or ideas beyond what has already been said by others, I simply desire to voice my opinion and my concern as a taxpayer and observer.

I have been witness to the twenty year McIntyre saga which has cost us \$3 million dollars, wasted untold resources and now finds us embroiled in a lawsuit with undetermined financial liability. Have we not learned our lesson? If the City could not make this project work by acquiring the property for \$1, how does anyone think it could work for \$25 million, or \$61 million...or more?

I took the time to review the meetings of December 2017 where the City Council debated how and with whom they would move forward with a development plan. It was Councilor Denton who made a motion to recommend the Kane Group as a development partner. The two lone voices in opposition were Councilor Splaine and Mayor Blalock. The irony is, Councilor Splaine was pleading to not enter into this agreement because they did not have enough information. As I listened to the debate last meeting, I could not help but wonder how nothing has been learned. Councilor Tabor and others were scheming various development scenarios, again without enough information to intelligently make these critical decisions. Let's heed Councilor Denton's hard learned wisdom and step away from this mis-guided real-estate venture.

The City and the City Council do not have enough information at this point and are being rushed into a critical decision. Based on last meeting's discussion and recent information which has come forth, there are still too many unknowns and unanswered questions to move forward with this complicated, costly and risky acquisition. Please vote no.

Thank you,

Kyle Engle

24 Hunking street.

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting. Yes**

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**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 10:04**

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**Subject**

McEnyre Building

**Address**

65 Wibird Street

**Message**

As a resident, property owner, and taxpayer I ask the city to please stay away from the McEntyre Building — we've lost enough money already. Thank you

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting. Yes**

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**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 10:25**

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William Wagner

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**Subject**

McIntyre and Spending

**Address**

11 TAFT RD

**Message**

To The Mayor and City Councilors:

McIntyre Building is a LEMON which we do not need.

First, a disclaimer. I served on 7 City Councils, and either chaired or was heavily involved in:

\*Purchasing the old hospital from the Foundation and transforming it into today's City Hall;

\*Representing the City with Mayor Foley on the original Pease Commission which laid the foundation for the current Pease Development Authority;

\*Served on the Pease development Authority as the Council's representative where I chaired the water committee which produced the guarantee from the federal Government to pay for fixing the contamination issues which were created by the US Air Force.

\*Chaired the Joint Building Committee which was responsible for the PHS expansion.

My experience provides a legitimate basis to critique the Council's actions on the McIntyre boondoggle (boondoggle is defined as "activity which is wasteful or pointless").

The City's quest for the McIntyre building and site should end. Past City Councils and the current City Council have proven to be incapable of producing a purchasing/development strategy which made sense and was affordable. This current council has compounded the errors by signing an agreement which lead to the payment of TWO MILLION DOLLARS to a developer who never had a completed agreement with the City of Portsmouth. As Mayor McEachern knows, his father was an outstanding lawyer who studied the agreement with Kane and openly expressed to the Council and the Public that the final steps needed to finalize the agreement with Kane did not occur. The previous Council, under Mayor Becksted, chose to follow Atty. McEachern's advice and terminate the agreement after over a year of unsuccessful attempts to resolve issues to the benefit of the City.

Instead of arbitrating the validity of the agreement with Kane, this Council signed a new agreement and paid them \$2,000,000. This Council did take the positive step of hiring RKG to evaluate the numbers Kane presented to the City Council, but it was after the new agreement between the Council and Kane had been signed. From what I glean from newspaper reports, it appears that if the Council had been aware of the issues which RKG exposed, this Council would not have signed the agreement. The Councils should never sign a new agreement which obligates City Taxpayers before getting the facts surrounding the issues.

I ASK THAT THE RKG REPORT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE. IT IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT THAT WILL PROBABLY DEMONSTRATE THE FOLLY OF CONTINUING TO BE INVOLVED IN THE MCINTYRE. IF THE COUNCIL REFUSES TO RELEASE THE REPORT, THEN IT MUST BE VERY CLEAR WHAT IS BEHIND THE DECISION NOT TO RELEASE IT. IT IS TIME FOR COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY. WITH REVALUATION COMING SOON AND SPENDING APPEARING TO BE OUT OF CONTROL, IT IS TIME FOR THIS COUNCIL TO SPEND TIME ON PRIORITIZING SPENDING FOR THE NEXT BUDGET YEAR, STARTING WITH ENDING THE MCINTYRE BOONDOGGLE.

Bill Wagner

11 Taft Road

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 11:17**

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**Subject**

Mckintyre: The most expensive building Portsmouth doesn't own

**Address**

352 Kearsarge Way

**Message**

Dear Councilors,

There are 3 options in front of you regarding Mckyntre:

1. ) Walk away
2. ) Pursue purchase thru GSA
3. ) Let property go to market sale

Option 1, walking away, seems the most prudent for the simple reason that negotiation, acquisition and development are beyond the circle of competence of city staff and this and all councils.

While some will point to \$ already spent, these are sunk costs and not relevant to the decision.

Option 2, pursue purchase is similar to Option 3, except the city would be under a tighter deadline, and is allowing the GSA to determine the selling price and not the market of active bidders. Rejecting Option 2 makes sense to allow the city more time to assess, and for a more accurate pricing. After all, it's possible given the continued constraints of the GSA post sale, required remediation and fit up, that the price comes in at less than \$20 million.

Option 3, let the property go out to bid, gives the city more time to consider likely scenarios in terms of cost / benefit, and make a bid based on reason vs fear of lost opportunity (Option 2). I believe both Option 2 and Option 3 should only be considered if Councilor Tabor's idea of buying the property, sub dividing, and selling the building is the path forward. The city would also have to solve for the impact to sales price of the building if the parking and delivery loading dock area wouldnt be part of the subdivided lot being sold. The city need not spend any \$ to upgrade the building, just hold onto it for 3 years and sell.



It's unfortunate the city pursued putting the Mckyntre on the historic buildings list under the most feeble of rationale, in an attempt to acquire the building for \$1. Not doing so would have allowed the building to be torn down. The city also seems to have thrown away, or is ignoring an opportunity to acquire the property without contingencies from the 2004 federal appropriations bill that was passed into law. Given the past and recent mistakes, and lack of expertise by the city, it isn't clear why future significant and expensive mistakes aren't to be expected.

I'd love a park, but it's time to walk away.

Respectfully,

Jim Smalley

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 11:37**

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**Subject**

McIntyre Building

**Address**

408 Striped Bass Avenue

**Message**

City Councilman

I do not want the city of Portsmouth to purchase the McIntyre building. So much money has already been wasted on this. Let a developer buy the property and put up something. Then the City can tax them to generate revenue. City Hall and the Police station can stay where it is. The City can renovate those buildings as needed. Thank you.

**Please indicate if you would like your comment to be part of the public record for the upcoming City Council meeting.** Yes

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**Submitted on Mon, 05/01/2023 - 12:00**

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**Subject**

McIntyre

**Address**

90 Brewery Ln, apt 106

**Message**

Please vote to Not purchase the McIntyre at tonight's meeting. This would just be a continuation of disagreements among city residents and the costs to tax payers will be too high! Let a developer purchase it and go through the city boards which will not be an easy endeavor! Thanks! Barbara

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