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Council Member offered the following:

Ordinance Number 2.22.20

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The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. It is hereby ordered and directed that all the right, title and interest of the City of Albany in and to the undeveloped parcel at 187 Henry Johnson Boulevard, parcel identification number 65.65-1-11, be sold at private sale to Roy Vincent.

SUBJECT to all easements, restrictions and rights-of-way of record.

Section 2. It is hereby ordered and directed that all the right, title and interest of the City of Albany in and to the undeveloped parcel at 217 Third Street, parcel identification number 65.65-1-13, be sold at private sale to Roy Vincent.

SUBJECT to all easements, restrictions and rights-of-way of record.

Section 3. It is hereby ordered and directed that all the right, title and interest of the City of Albany in and to the undeveloped parcel at 219 Third Street, parcel identification number 65.65-1-14, be sold at private sale to Roy Vincent.

SUBJECT to all easements, restrictions and rights-of-way of record.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid properties have been abandoned for municipal or public purposes.

Section 5. The form, content, terms and conditions of such conveyances shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel and shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and if approved by said Board, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a proper deed of conveyance for a valuable consideration.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 4th day of February, 2020.

Corporation Counsel

To: Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk
From: Sarah Valis, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Re: Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum
Date: February 4, 2020

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION: The owner of 185 Henry Johnson Boulevard would like to purchase the three lots to expand his business. All relevant departments have signed off. The purchase price is approximately \$15,000 for the three parcels.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION: Sale of city owned property requires Council approval.

EXPLANATION OF DEADLINE OR REQUESTED TIME FRAME FOR PASSAGE:
N/A

SPECIFICS OF BIDDING OR OTHER PROCUREMENT PROCESS (if applicable): N/A

SPECIFICS OF REAL PROPERTY SALE OR ACQUISITION (if applicable): N/A

FISCAL IMPACT(S): None identified.

Councilmember Anane introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14.22.20R

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLYMEMBER FAHY'S LEGISLATION DIRECTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REMOVING INTERSTATE 787 AND REPLACING IT WITH A TRAFFIC FEATURES THAT WILL ALLOW EASIER ACCESS TO THE HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT AND PROVIDE REASONABLE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, A.09122 sponsored by Assemblymember Fahy, directs the Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of removing Interstate 787 and replacing it with traffic features increasing waterfront access and reducing traffic congestion; and,

WHEREAS, as with many of the highways across the nation built in the 1950s and 60s as part of the Interstate Highway System, 1-787 was built to provide a more direct route for commuters into downtown Albany from the suburbs and surrounding areas. However, the costs of 1-787 to Capital Region residents have been significant and detrimental. Repair costs to the current infrastructure are already slated at almost \$900 million; and,

WHEREAS, while Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse have all recently undergone transformational project revitalizing their waterfront, Albany's access to the Hudson has been stymied for years and has limited the potential of the region for years. Removing or retooling 1-787 would allow communities from Albany to Rensselaer to Troy to unlock their economic potential and foster regional cooperation; .and,

WHEREAS, this legislation aims to study the feasibility of replacing 1-787 with options that increase pedestrian accessibility and access to the waterfront. This follows earlier recommendations made by a planning study previously conducted by the Capital District Transportation Commission. The study will focus on engineering feasibility and cost estimates. The Department of Transportation will issue a report and make recommendations on the replacement of 1-787; and

WHEREAS, many cities across the country have seen success in opening up access to waterfronts that were blocked by highways - in terms of increased tourism, real estate development, opportunities for recreational space. The possibility of regaining waterfront access in the city of Albany, has the potential to accelerate the already significant growth in new developments and help grow the tax base.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany hereby calls upon our State elected officials to support and sign A.09122 into law.

To: Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk
From: John-Raphael Pichardo, Esq., Research Counsel
Re: Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum
Date: January 22, 2020

RESOLUTION NUMBER 14.22.20R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ASSEMBLYMEMBER FAHY'S LEGISLATION DIRECTING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF REMOVING INTERSTATE 787 AND REPLACING IT WITH A TRAFFIC FEATURES THAT WILL ALLOW EASIER ACCESS TO THE HUDSON RIVER WATERFRONT AND PROVIDE REASONABLE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This study would presumably figure out the costs and benefits of removing 787. Many cities across the country have seen success in opening up access to waterfronts that were blocked by highways - in terms of increased tourism, real estate development, and opportunities for recreational space. The possibility of regaining waterfront access in the city of Albany, has the potential to accelerate the already significant growth in new developments and help grow the tax base.

FISCAL IMPACT(S)

N/A
