

City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, November 18, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz and Planning & Sustainability

21.354 An Order to Surplus City Land for Shared Use Parking at the Roundhouse Parking Lot

WHEREAS, As part of the 2021 reconstruction and expansion of the Roundhouse Parking Lot, the city reviewed the history of the overall parking layout and management;

WHEREAS, When the Roundhouse Plaza (a/k/a Peter Pan bus terminal) was first developed on the site of a DPW maintenance building, the city permitted the owner to locate a portion of its adjacent parking lot on city property, both to encourage the redevelopment and to improve inter-urban bus access;

WHEREAS, An extensive search of city and registry records as part of the Roundhouse Parking Lot project revealed that the long-term lease agreement between the city and property owner for that additional land was never formally executed; and

WHEREAS, The eight parking spaces on the southernmost edge of the Roundhouse Plaza building, which are located on city land, remain integral to the successful operation of the bus terminal and offices and the owner wishes to continue that historical use and is willing to execute a proper 30-year lease with the city, consistent with MGL 30B, the Uniform Procurement Act; and

WHEREAS, Those eight spaces are heavily used during the day by the Roundhouse Plaza, but have a high vacancy rate after office hours and on weekends, the times when the public parking system is most stressed;

WHEREAS, The Roundhouse Plaza property owner supports a lease that would limit use of the eight parking spaces by its tenants to office hours while allowing the city to utilize the spaces for public parking when needed most at nights and on weekends;

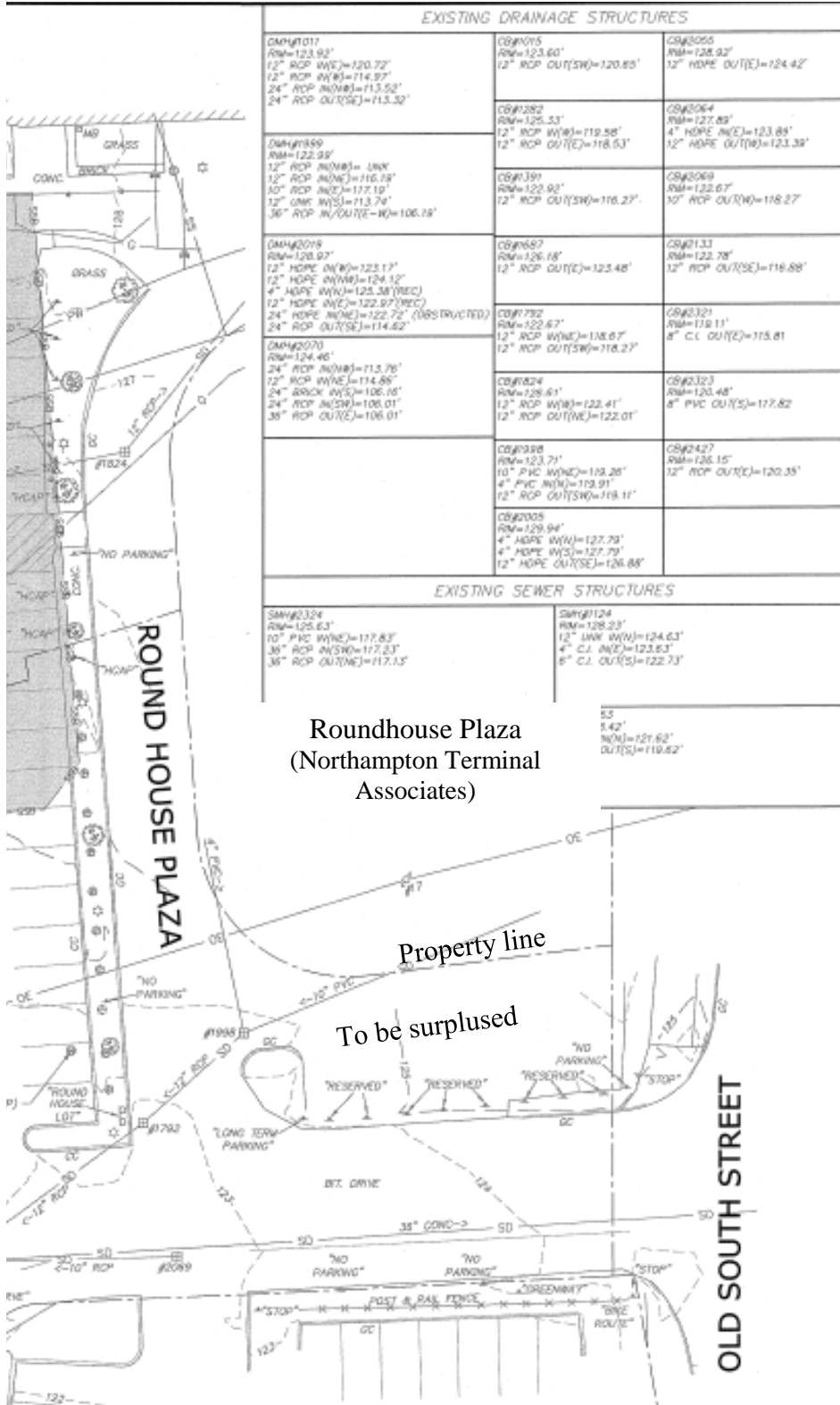
WHEREAS, The property owner would continue to be responsible for all of the maintenance, landscaping, and snow removal in and around the eight parking spaces resulting in no additional maintenance costs to the city as a result of any lease agreement;

Ordered, that

City Council declares the land on which those eight Roundhouse Plaza parking spaces sit surplus to city needs;

Further that the Mayor is authorized to sign a lease for parking during office hours on those eight spaces, subject to restrictions and conditions that the Mayor imposes to accomplish these needs.





Roundhouse Plaza
(Northampton Terminal Associates)

Property line
To be surplused

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Roundhouse Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project

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