



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 130

**RESOLUTION**

- 2020

*Introduced by the Administration on October 21, 2020*

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**Authorizes the Administration to Sell the City-owned Real Property located at 2955 Ithaca Street**

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***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

**WHEREAS**, the City owns the real estate with a property address of 2955 Ithaca Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103, more particularly described at Lehigh County Parcel Identification Number (PIN) # 640503259344 and at Lehigh County Deed Book 526, Page 438, being a portion of Tract 2 described therein, consisting of 0.19 acres, more or less, of vacant land in the City of Allentown (the "Parcel"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Deed of the Parcel to the City, dated May 27, 1932, was a donation and restricts the land for playgrounds and parkway uses; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2020, the City's Property Review Committee voted unanimously to recommend the sale of the Parcel because the land serves no existing park purpose and has become a liability to the City with respect to maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to present a Petition to the Court of Common Pleas of Lehigh County, Orphans' Court Division requesting a Court Order releasing the playground and parkway use restriction from the Parcel in order to sell the Parcel to an adjacent property owner for the purpose of residential development that will harmonize with the surrounding development; and

**WHEREAS**, any proceeds from the sale of the Parcel will be used for improvements to the Ithaca Street Park located across the street from the Parcel; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 130.24 of the Administrative Code and Section 3.3.5 of Administrative Regulation No. 8-1-05 each state that City owned real estate shall not be sold, conveyed or transferred without the prior authorization of City Council in the form of a Resolution adopted at a public meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, in the judgment of the City Council, continued ownership of the Parcel for playground and parkway purposes does not further the best interest of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council finds that the sale of the said Parcel will generate revenue and reduce maintenance costs for the City;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor is authorized to sell and convey the property located at 2955 Ithaca Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania 18103 and is further authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate such sale.