

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: November 8, 2021

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Ben Rowe, Assistant City Manager
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Council Action Requested:
Resolution Authorizing the Release of Sale Restrictions on a Lot Sold to Old Salem, Inc., and Requesting Consideration that the Proceeds of the Future Sale Shall be Designated for a Specific Public Purpose (South Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods
Strategic Objective: Improve Character and Condition of Neighborhoods
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

On July 19, 2004, the City of Winston-Salem sold to Old Salem, Inc. (Old Salem) a vacant lot at 931 South Broad Street for the appraised value of \$8,300 based on N.C.G.S. 160A-279. The lot is further identified as Tax PIN 6835-20-2953, Lot 122 of Block 0582. The resolution authorizing the sale contained sale restrictions stating that the property would be used by Old Salem Museum in support of its operations, public programming, and activities.

Old Salem now desires to sell the lot. It is requested that the City Council authorize the release of the sale restrictions on the property, which entails consideration; however, the City Council will require the proceeds of the sale to be used by Old Salem for a public purpose as a form of consideration, with the public purpose being support of its operations, public programming, and activities.

The attached resolution authorizes the release of sale restrictions on the property described herein and directs that the proceeds of a future sale of the property be used for a public purpose.

Committee Action:

Committee	Finance 1/10/22	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks: Based upon the Committee’s discussion of this item, Staff added a paragraph at the end of the CARF and the resolution stating that Old Salem will provide a report on the use of the proceeds from the sale for two purposes: (1) apply to a preservation endowment and (2) redo exhibits for the St. Phillips log church as part of the Hidden Town Project and the 200-year anniversary of the church, and (3) any other public purpose consistent with G.S. 160A-209.

Old Salem leadership discussed with City staff two options for use of the proceeds: (1) apply the funds to a preservation endowment from which Old Salem would use the income to maintain the buildings in the historic district or (2) redo the exhibits in the St. Phillips log church as part of the Hidden Town Project and the 200-year anniversary of the church. The resolution also requires Old Salem to provide a report on the use of the proceeds for these purposes and any other public purpose consistent with G.S. 160A-209.