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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF ONE CHARLESTOWN

WHEREAS: The Bunker Hill Housing Development was built in the 1930s and is not only the largest in the City of Boston but New England; and

WHEREAS: When any government agency seeks to provide housing it has a moral obligation to provide safe, clean, sustainable and healthy housing; and

WHEREAS: Many of the 1100 units and buildings at the Housing Development lack hot water, clean hallways, modern sustainability measures or adequate safety for residents;

WHEREAS: The Boston Housing Authority (City of Boston) has endeavored to redevelop the Bunker Hill Housing Development; and

WHEREAS: The redevelopment process and overall project could take over 10 years, is expected to cost approximately \$1 billion dollars; and

WHEREAS: Due the sheer magnitude of the project this process and redevelopment will be setting a model locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS: Due to the expected costs and expected minimal support from the federal government the housing project redevelopment requires a public-private partnership in order to finance the redevelopment; and

WHEREAS: The potential relocation and displacement of the several hundred Charlestown residents is a moral and practical concern for the Charlestown community; and

WHEREAS: The impact on schools, traffic, construction and overall infrastructure of the City of Boston in particular the one square mile of Charlestown will be felt for years to come; and

WHEREAS: When dealing with projects of such magnitude, it is incumbent on government to be transparent and accountable and ensure transparency from private developers;

WHEREAS: Previously submitted plans for the redevelopment involved 3200 units and an appointment of an impact advisory group;

WHEREAS: Many residents of Charlestown have expressed concerns regarding project plans, process, financing, pending questions about the development timeline, and uncertainties regarding the relocation of members of their community;

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill Housing Development to discuss the past process specifically the request for proposals, the selection of Corcoran Jennison, the new financial partner, the relationship to and discussion with the residents of the Bunker Hill Housing Development, the funding of the project, the expected project timeline, the alternative proposal known as the Community Consensus Plan; and that the Boston Housing Authority, the Boston Development and Planning Agency and any other interested parties shall be invited to attend.

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