COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council

FROM:

Phil Mendelson, Chairman

DATE:

July 3, 2024

RE:

Request to Agendize for the July 9, 2024 Additional Legislative Meeting

This memorandum is to request that the following measures be placed on the agenda for the July 9, 2024 Additional Legislative Meeting:

- Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2024
- Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Emergency Act of 2024
- Closing of a Public Alley in Square 5051, S.O. 21-00136, Temporary Act of 2024

This legislation orders the closing of a 20-foot-wide public alley in Square 5051 in Ward 7. The site is part of a larger development project, now known as the Northeast Heights Town Center, in the vicinity of Minnesota Avenue, N.E., and Benning Road, N.E. The purpose of the alley closing is to facilitate the consolidation of two lots in Square 5051 into a single record lot, which will enable the developer to initiate the development of a 33,000 square foot office building with ground-floor retail uses.

Permanent legislation (Bill 25-614) ordering the closure of the alley is on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 9, 2024 and will have first reading at the additional legislative meeting. Second reading will not take place until September. Making the alley closing effective sooner than second reading and congressional review of the permanent legislation will enable the project to proceed without risk of further delay.

The draft measures are attached. Please call me or Blaine Stum if you have any questions at (202) 724-8092.

cc:

All Councilmembers Council Officers