



**Council Member Motion**  
**Council Meeting of June 24, 2021**

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**Date:** June 17 2021

**From:** Mayor Helps

**Subject:** Reconsideration of Council Motion on Development Permit with Variance Application  
For 1475 Fort St

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**Background**

Pursuant to the authority granted Mayors in the Community Charter under section 131 to require an issue for reconsideration within 30 days of the motion passing, I am respectfully exercising that authority for reconsideration on the matter at 1475 Fort Street and requesting that Council reconsider its decision.

At the Opportunity for Public Comment on June 10<sup>th</sup>, Council declined a proposal for a 32-unit rental building at 1475 Fort Street. Before the motion to approve the application failed that evening, there was a motion to refer the project to staff for further work with the applicant, which also failed.

Since the Opportunity for Public Comment, I have spoken with the applicant who has indicated that they would like an opportunity to amend the project based on the concerns they heard at the Opportunity for Public Comment rather than to start over with a new application.

I am therefore requesting that Council reconsider the motion and instead of defeating the proposal, refer the proposal back to staff to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the building footprint in order to retain as many trees as practicable while still creating a viable rental housing project.

**Recommendation**

That Council refer the proposal back to staff to work with the applicant to reduce the size of the building footprint in order to retain as many trees as practicable while still creating a viable rental housing project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Helps".

Mayor Lisa Helps