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City of Biddeford takes next steps towards parking garage

BIDDEFORD — The City Council took several steps forward on the path to a parking garage in downtown Biddeford at their April 2 meeting. The Council voted to begin obtaining permits for the proposed Phase I parking structure located at 3 Lincoln Street, a process expected to take 4-6 months. Desman Design Management will also proceed with the design for Phase II of the proposed parking facility.

Parking needs in the 3 Lincoln Street area are continuously increasing as Biddeford's economic revitalization continues. Each new development project approved in the downtown adds to the demand for parking, which is now projected to outpace the proposed 522-space Phase I parking structure. Phase II of the garage would add approximately 120 additional spaces, bringing the total capacity of the facility to about 642 parking spaces.

"Over the last few years, we have witnessed increased pressures on parking, and we know that there are soon going to be even more people in the downtown placing additional demands on parking, so we need to plan accordingly for the future," said Mayor Alan Casavant. "It is important to respond to momentum in the development process now rather than try to play catchup when new development opportunities are presented."

As interest in redevelopment in the downtown area continues to increase, City leaders foresee that the positive growth trends that have been witnessed in the past several years will not continue without adequate parking supply for proposed developments.

"As a city, we have already lost out on opportunities for additional tax revenue because of a lack of parking for customers and employees of businesses that would have otherwise wanted to come to Biddeford," said Amy Clearwater, Ward 5 Councilor. "The proposed parking garage is another step that can be taken to continue to attract development to the downtown and add to the property tax base."

For more information about the proposed parking garage, please contact the City Manager's Office at 207-284-9313.

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