CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

December 16, 2024 / Calendar No. 23 C 240373 PCM

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services and the Economic Development Corporation, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, for the site selection and acquisition of property located at 425 East 25th Street (Block 962, p/o Lot 100) for use as a forensic pathology center and medical examiner facility, Borough of Manhattan, Community District 6.

This application for a combination acquisition and site selection by the City was filed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services and the Economic Development Corporation on May 28, 2024. This application, in conjunction with the related applications, would facilitate the development of a new life sciences and education campus at 425 East 25th Street in the Kips Bay neighborhood of Manhattan Community District 6.

RELATED ACTIONS

In addition to the combination acquisition and site selection by the City (C 240373 PCM) that is the subject of this report, the proposed development also requires action by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on the following applications, which are being considered concurrently with this application:

C 240369 ZMM	Zoning map amendment to change an R8 district to C6-4 district.
N 240371 ZRM	Zoning text amendment to map a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) area.
C 240370 ZSM	Zoning special permit pursuant to Section 74-171 of the Zoning Resolution to permit a laboratory listed under Use Group VII, not otherwise allowed by the underlying use regulations.

C 240390 ZSM	Zoning special permit pursuant to Section 74-901 of the Zoning Resolution to modify the height and setback requirements of Section 33-442 (Alternate Front Setbacks In Other Commercial Districts).
C 240372 PPM	Disposition of city-owned property.
C 240391 PQM	Acquisition of property by the City.
C 240309 MMM	City Map change for the elimination of a pedestrian overpass and the adjustments of grades, block dimensions, and angles necessitated thereby.

BACKGROUND

A full background discussion and description of this application appears in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (C 240373 PCM) in conjunction with the related actions, was reviewed pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and the SEQRA regulations set forth in Volume 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 et seq. and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order No. 91 of 1977. The designated CEQR number is 23DME013M, and the lead is the New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination (MOEC).

It was determined that this application, in conjunction with the applications for the related actions, may have a significant effect on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be required. A Positive Declaration was issued on January 30, 2024, and

subsequently distributed, published, and filed. Together with the Positive Declaration, a Draft Scope of Work for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was issued on January 30, 2024. A revised Draft Scope of Work was issued on February 13, 2024. A public scoping meeting was held on March 18, 2024, and the Final Scope of Work was issued on June 21, 2024. A full description of the environmental review is included in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM).

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

This application (C 240373 PCM), in conjunction with related applications for a zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM), a zoning text amendment (N 240371 ZRM), two zoning special permits (C 240370 ZSM, C 240390 ZSM), a disposition of City-owned property (C 240372 PPM), an acquisition of property by the City (C 240391 PQM), and a City Map change (C 240309 MMM), was reviewed by the City Coastal Commission for consistency with the policies of the New York City Waterfront Revitalization Program (WRP), as amended, approved by the New York City Council on October 30, 2013 and by the New York State Department of State on February 3, 2016, pursuant to the New York State Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act of 1981, (New York State Executive Law, Section 910 et seq.). The designated WRP number is 23-178.

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW

This application (C 240373 PCM), in conjunction with related applications for a zoning map amendment, (C 240369 ZMM), two zoning special permits (C 240370 ZSM, C 240390 ZSM), a disposition of City-owned property (C 240372 PPM), an acquisition of property by the City (C 240391 PQM), and a City Map change (C 240309 MMM), was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on June 24, 2024, and duly referred to Manhattan Community Board 6 and the Manhattan Borough President in accordance with Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-02(b), along with the related text amendment (N 240371 ZRM), which was referred in accordance with the procedures for non-ULURP matters.

Community Board Public Hearing

Manhattan Community Board 6 held a public hearing on this application (C 240373 PCM), in conjunction with related applications a zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM), a zoning text amendment (N 240371 ZRM), two zoning special permits (C 240370 ZSM, C 240390 ZSM), a disposition of City-owned property (C 240372 PPM), an acquisition of property by the City (C 240391 PQM), and a City Map change (C 240309 MMM) on September 11, 2024, and on that date, by a vote of 41 in favor, one opposed, and zero abstaining, the community board adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application with conditions. A summary of the recommendation appears in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM).

Borough President Recommendation

On June 14, 2024, the Manhattan Borough President issued a recommendation on this application (C 240373 PCM), in conjunction with related applications for a zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM), a zoning text amendment (N 240371 ZRM), two zoning special permits (C 240370 ZSM, C 240390 ZSM), a disposition of City-owned property (C 240372 PPM), an acquisition of property by the City (C 240391 PQM), and a City Map change (C 240309 MMM), to approve the application with conditions. A summary of the recommendation appears in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM).

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

On October 16, 2024 (Calendar No. 15), the City Planning Commission scheduled November 6, 2024, for a public hearing on this application (C 240373 PCM), in conjunction with related applications for a zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM), a zoning text amendment (N 240371 ZRM), two zoning special permits (C 240370 ZSM, C 240390 ZSM), a disposition of City-owned property (C 240372 PPM), an acquisition of property by the City (C 240391 PQM), and a City Map change (C 240309 MMM). The hearing was duly held on November 6, 2024 (Calendar No. 23).

There were twelve speakers in favor and one in opposition, as described in the report for the related action (C 240369 ZMM), and the hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

The Commission believes that this application for a combination acquisition and site selection by the City (C 240373 PCM), in conjunction with related applications for a zoning map amendment (C 240369 ZMM), a zoning text amendment (N 240371 ZRM), two zoning special permits (C 240370 ZSM, C 240390 ZSM), a disposition of City-owned property (C 240372 PPM), an acquisition of property by the City (C 240391 PQM), and a City Map change (C 240309 MMM), is appropriate.

A full consideration and analysis of the issues and the reasons for approving the application appear in the report for the related action (C 240369 ZMM).

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that having considered the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), for which a Notice of Completion was issued on December 5, 2024, with respect to this application (CEQR No. 23DME013M), the City Planning Commission finds that the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations have been met and that:

1. The environmental impacts disclosed in the FEIS were evaluated in relation to the social, economic, and other considerations associated with the action[s] that is set forth in this report; and
2. Consistent with social, economic, and other essential considerations, from among the reasonable alternatives provided in the application, the actions are one which minimizes or avoids adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; and
3. The adverse environmental impacts disclosed in the FEIS will be minimized or avoided to the greatest extent practicable.

The report of the City Planning Commission, together with the FEIS, issued December 5, 2024 constitutes the written statement of findings, that form the basis of the decision, pursuant to Section 617.11(d) of the SEQRA regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission, in its capacity as the City Coastal

Commission, has reviewed the waterfront aspects of this application and finds that the proposed action is consistent with WRP policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 197-c of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and consideration described in the related report (C 240369 ZMM), the application of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, and the Economic Development Corporation for the site selection and acquisition of property located at 425 East 25th Street (Block 962, p/o Lot 100), Borough of Manhattan, Community District 6, for use as a forensic pathology center and medical examiner facility is approved.

The above resolution (C 240373 PCM), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on December 16, 2024 (Calendar No. 23), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council, and the Borough President, in accordance with the requirements of Section 197-d of the New York City Charter.

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