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## **City Advances New Police Headquarters Project**

STAMFORD, CT – Mayor David Martin announced today that the City has come to an agreement with the Stamford Historical Society to purchase the property at 713 Bedford Street and relocate the historic Hoyt-Barnum House to 1508 High Ridge Road. The agreement is the final step in securing the full site for the construction of the new police headquarters and will be submitted to the Planning Board, Board of Finance and Board of Representatives for consideration and approval. The purchase of the other property required for the project, 671 Bedford Street, was given final approval from all three Boards last month.

“I am pleased that we have been able to make such significant progress in such a short period of time and thank the Stamford Historical Society for their cooperation throughout this process. This agreement allows us to move forward with the building of our new police headquarters and at the same time preserves an important feature of Stamford’s history,” said Mayor David Martin.

Pam Coleman, Chairman of the Board of the Stamford Historical Society, added that the agreement “provides the Historical Society with the opportunity to enhance our community offerings. The Society is pleased that we were able to assist the City with this much needed project.”

As part of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), the City will purchase the property from the Stamford Historical Society for \$200,000. In addition, the City will fund the costs of relocating the Hoyt Barnum House and certain repairs and renovations to the City’s property at 1508 High Ridge Road. Additional funding may be available for the Historical Society should the costs of the aforementioned items not exceed \$1 million in aggregate. The City and Historical Society anticipate increased visitor traffic to the Hoyt-Barnum House as a result of the relocation due to its proximity to the Stamford Museum & Nature Center and Historical Society’s current programming.

In addition, the agreement contains provisions for the careful disassembly, move, and reassembly of the house; archiving and relocation of interior artifacts; and archeological excavation of the site. The disassembly of the house is expected to be publicly noticed by June 1.

The PDF of the Memorandum of Agreement as submitted to City boards is attached.

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