

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING  
("CLOSING STATEMENT")  
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

**This form has two sides. Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.**

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: July 11, 2022; Time: 7:30 p.m.; Location: Online via Zoom; Motion to close meeting made by: Michael Mezey; Seconded by Al Muller; Members in favor: Unanimous; Opposed: None; Abstaining: None; Absent: None.
2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**

**This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:**

- (1) To discuss:
  - (i) "the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of an appointee, employee, or official over whom it has jurisdiction"; or
  - (ii) "any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals";
- (2) "To protect the privacy or reputation of an individual with respect to a matter that is not related to public business";
- (3) "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related to the acquisition";
- (4) "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State";
- (5) "To consider the investment of public funds";
- (6) "To consider the marketing of public securities";
- (7) "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice";
- (8) "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation";
- (9) "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations";
- (10) "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including:
  - (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and
  - (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans";
- (11) "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination";
- (12) "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct";
- (13) "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter";  
or

- (14) “To discuss, before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.”

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (7)	Negotiations with developer of 5500 Wisconsin Avenue project	To preserve the confidentiality of the discussion
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4. This statement is made by Michael Mezey, Presiding Officer.

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**OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)**

**For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:**

Time of closed session: 3:30 p.m.  
 Place: Online via Zoom  
 Purpose(s): To update legal negotiations on the status of the settlement agreement with the developer of 5500 Wisconsin Avenue project.  
 Members who voted to meet in closed session: Unanimous  
 Persons attending closed session: Michael Mezey; Bruce Pirnie; Al Muller; Michael Dorsey; Carolina Zumaran-Jones; Melanie White; Paula Durbin; Julian Mansfield; Jason Goldstein; Norman Knopf.  
 Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: 7, to consult with legal counsel  
 Topics actually discussed: Proposed settlement agreement with 5500 Wisconsin Developer  
 Actions taken: Council agreed by consensus to vote on the proposed settlement agreement at the July 11 public Council meeting  
 Each recorded vote: None taken

**For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104):** Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: Persons present: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subjects discussed: \_\_\_\_\_