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Sale of Admiral Farragut Academy nears Borough Council OKs a resolution needed for the deal

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PINE BEACH — The Borough Council last night took a step closer to completing the sale of the Admiral Farragut Academy to Pennrose Properties.

The council adopted a resolution and introduced an ordinance necessary to move ahead with the deal.

The resolution will allow for the transfer of Green Acres property from the site of the academy's pool area to the bluff fronting Russell Hall along Riverside Drive. The resolution was held up last month after questions were raised over the tax map designations it listed.

After reviewing the block and lot numbers, language was added to the resolution clearing up the designations.

The Green Acres transfer is necessary to make the sale of 5 acres of the Admiral Farragut Academy site to Pennrose Properties one

contiguous piece.

The transfer will allow the borough to develop the former academy football field and bluff area fronting Russell Hall for recreational space.

The State House Commission, which must approve the transfer before it can happen, will consider the transfer next month.

The council also introduced an ordinance that will define the uses and construction standards on the Farragut property.

A similar ordinance was introduced last month and opened for public discussion.

The discussion resulted in extensive changes to the ordinance and made necessary the re-introduction of the ordinance as a new ordinance.

The new ordinance gives a more narrow definition of permitted uses and changes some of the setback requirements for the buildings.

One condition sets the height re-

quirement at 55 feet for a peaked-roof building and 45 feet for a flat-roof building.

Mayor Russell Corby said the ordinance will be presented to the Borough Planning Board for its review and would be subject to revisions depending upon board members' comments.

The ordinance is scheduled for publication in full on Aug. 27 and public hearing on Sept. 8 at the municipal building on Pennsylvania Avenue at 8 p.m., unless substantial changes are made again to the ordinance.

Corby said Pennrose Properties will be submitting its application to the Planning Board sometime in September and residents should make every effort to come to the meetings and be involved in the process.

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