

Public Statement Regarding the Former Hotel Building

The City would like to provide an update regarding the former hotel building located in our community.

After discussions with the property owner, we have been informed that the difficult decision has been made to demolish the building. While many residents and community leaders had hoped the historic structure could be preserved, years of deterioration have left the building in a condition that would require extensive and costly repairs to make it safe and usable.

The owner shares the community's disappointment over the loss of this historic building. As part of the demolition process, efforts will be made to salvage and preserve select materials from the structure for reuse in future projects whenever possible.

Looking ahead, the owner's long-term vision is to redevelop the site with a new commercial building that would include small apartments on the second floor. While no timeline has been established for this future development, the City appreciates the property owner's continuing commitment to reinvest in the property and contribute to the continued growth of our downtown area.

The City is currently working with building and safety officials to assess any measures that may be necessary to protect the public during the demolition process. Potential safeguards could include temporary barriers, restricted access areas, sidewalk closures, or coordination with other agencies if needed. Additional information will be shared as plans are finalized.

We recognize that this building has long been part of our community's history, and we understand that this news may be disappointing to many residents. However, public safety remains a top priority, and the City will continue to work with the property owner and appropriate agencies to ensure the demolition is completed safely and responsibly.

We appreciate the community's understanding and patience as this process moves forward. We share your heartbreak.