

CITY OF MITCHELL

City Council Meeting
Agenda Item Request



The deadline for agenda items is Wednesday at noon, prior to the City Council Meeting

Meeting Date Requested: Requested By:

Desired Action of City Council: Authorization Approval Resolution
 Ordinance Citizen Request Discussion

Amount Budgeted in current fiscal year for this item (if applicable):

Agenda Item:

Explanation/Background of Agenda Item Requested:

The City has been working to resolve the nuisance situation at 301 N Main for several years. On August 9, 2019, the City Council approved a settlement agreement in relation to the 301 N Main property. As the staff report explained, it was unclear which demolition alternative would end up being pursued. One would have left the buildings in tact at 305/307 N Main. The other would demolish all of those structures. The option to demolish all structures was nearly \$400,000 cheaper but the City had not been successful in its talks with the property owner. In addition, having all the structures demolished opens up considerably more redevelopment opportunities for that space.

On August 15, 2019, MADC announced that they had purchased the 305/307 properties and were seeking to reach an agreement with the city to pursue the cheaper demolition option and redevelop the property.

This Redevelopment Agreement would serve that purpose. It provides that the City would transfer ownership of the 301 property to MADC and MADC would handle the redevelopment and demolition of all the structures on these lots at a lower cost than the City would have had to pay on its own.

The project is also expected to be completed sooner than if the City were to do it on its own. The agreement also requires MADC to comply with all procedural steps necessary to proceed with demolition including historic preservation.

Because the City has a role to play in the historic process, the agreement is not binding on the City if it ultimately determines the project should not proceed based on historic preservation grounds.

Then end result for the City is better, faster results at a lower price.