



Item Number: 13



# CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

**DATE:** December 17, 2024

**TO:** Mark Washington, City Manager

**COMMITTEE:** Community Development Committee

**LIAISON:** Mary Kate Berens, Deputy City Manager

**FROM:** Sarah Rainero, Economic Development Director  
Economic Development

**SUBJECT:** **Resolution scheduling a public hearing for January 14, 2025, to consider an application for a ten-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, for CGFH 955 GODFREY LLC at 1101 Godfrey Avenue, SW**

Attached is a resolution setting January 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. as the date and time when the City Commission will hold a public hearing to consider an application for a ten-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation (OPRA) Exemption Certificate, pursuant to Public Act 146 of 2000, for CGFH 955 GODFREY LLC (the "Applicant"), for the property located at 1101 Godfrey Avenue, SW. The Applicant has also submitted an application for an OPRA Exemption Certificate for 945 Godfrey Avenue SW, which is included as part of the overall project proposed by the Applicant (945 and 1101 Godfrey Ave SW collectively referred to as the "Properties").

The Applicant is the current owner of the Properties and plans to rehabilitate and redevelop the obsolete properties into an employment center and community hub. The building at 945 Godfrey Avenue SW is currently housing several small business tenants and was previously used as a foundry and metal plating facility for Keeler Brass. 1101 Godfrey Avenue SW is currently vacant but was the original site of the Johnson Furniture Company. The City Assessor inspected the building on October 22, 2024, and determined that it meets the definition of "functionally obsolete," as defined by Public Act 146 of 2000, and will require significant investment and rehabilitation prior to future use.

The previous agenda item contains a resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider an application for an OPRA Exemption Certificate for 945 Godfrey Avenue SW, and also provides a detailed overview of the entire proposed project.

Attachment

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Your COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE recommends the adoption of the following resolution scheduling a public hearing for January 14, 2025, to consider an application for a ten-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, for CGFH 955 GODFREY LLC at 1101 Godfrey Avenue, SW.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the application of CGFH 955 GODFREY LLC for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for property located at 1101 Godfrey Avenue SW, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, shall remain on file for inspection by the public in the Economic Development Department; and
2. That a public hearing be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in the City Commission Chambers, on the 9th Floor of City Hall, 300 Monroe Avenue NW, in the City of Grand Rapids, to consider a ten-year Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate for property located at 1101 Godfrey Avenue, SW (PPN 41-13-36-352-001), pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, at which time and place the City Commission shall afford the applicant, the City Assessor, and a representative of each of the taxing units an opportunity to be heard; and
3. That the City Clerk shall notify in writing the City Assessor and the legislative body of each taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in the City of the receipt of the application and the date, time, and location at which the City Commission shall afford the applicant, the Assessor, and a representative of each affected taxing unit an opportunity for a hearing.

**CORRECT IN FORM**



**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**