



Item Number: 11

# 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 Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, for CGFH 955 GODFREY LLC at 945 and 1101 Godfrey Avenue SW**

Attached is a resolution setting Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. as the date and time when the City Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District, pursuant to Public Act 146 of 2000, for CGFH 955 GODFREY, LLC (the "Applicant") for the properties located at 945 and 1101 Godfrey Avenue SW (collectively, the "Properties").

The Applicant is the current owner of the Properties and plans to rehabilitate the obsolete buildings for continued commercial use. As envisioned by the applicant, this development at 945 Godfrey Avenue SW is an opportunity to foster a walkable employment center and to continue operation of the existing building as an industrial facility as well as a place that will serve as a creative-hub for artists, not-for-profits, makers, and minority and women owned small businesses. The intent of the rehab is to upgrade the space to allow the continued occupancy and growth of these businesses. The Applicant's plans for 1101 Godfrey Avenue SW include upgrades of the existing space turning it into a modern hub of activity and will also host the lead tenant the West Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Only one OPRA District is required for the Properties; however, the Applicant has submitted applications for two OPRA certificates, one for each property. The subsequent agenda items contain resolutions scheduling public hearings to consider applications for Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificates for each of the Properties, and provide additional details related to the project and OPRA certificates.

Attachments

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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 Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District, pursuant to PA 146 of 2000, for CGFH 955 GODFREY LLC at 945 and 1101 Godfrey Avenue SW.

**RESOLVED:**

1. 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 the request of CGFH 955 GODFREY LLC to establish an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for properties located at 945 and 1101 Godfrey Avenue SW, as permitted by PA 146 of 2000, for which the application describing the district remains on file for inspection by the public in the Economic Development Department; and
2. That written notice be mailed to property owners within the proposed district and that the City Clerk shall publish said notice.

**CORRECT IN FORM**  
  
**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**