



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

AGENDA DATE: September 13, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: Consider approval of a quitclaim deed transferring title of parcel number 91-425-2330 to the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (GREDA) and authorize the removal of a levied assessment.

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BACKGROUND:

In 2010, the City of Grand Rapids took action to cleanup and raze the uninhabitable structures located on Lots 20-24 and the adjacent vacated alley and street in Block 23 of Third Division. Shortly after that action, the City levied an assessment against that parcel for the cost of the cleanup, demolition and associated legal expenses.

After a period of time, the property became a tax forfeiture. Due to the extreme level of cleanup required, the levied expenses, which were required to be repaid to the City at the time of sale, curtailed private interest in the site's purchase when offered at public auction.

In July of this year, the State conveyed the title to this property to the City of Grand Rapids. The Community Development Department recently acquired a Broker's Opinion of Value on the property which confirmed that the estimated fair market value of the property is less than the levied expenses.

It is staff's recommendation that the City authorize the removal of the levied assessment and convey the property to GREDA. GREDA will market the property for commercial development, as it is located in a General Business zoning district. Any proceeds earned in a future sale by GREDA will be added to their Capital Projects Budget which will allow them to carry out other economic development activities.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

Make a motion to approve a quitclaim deed transferring title of parcel number 91-425-2330 to the Grand Rapids Economic Development Authority (GREDA) and authorize the removal of a levied assessment.