



AGENDA REPORT

New Haven, Michigan

Meeting Type

MEETING DATE: 13 January 2026

DEPARTMENT: Village President

DATE SUBMITTED: 6 January 2026

PREPARED BY: Brian Meissen

ITEM TITLE: 58405 Main Street Proposal

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The former site of Hotel Graustark at 58405 Main Street represents one of the most historically significant and strategically located properties in our downtown corridor. For years, this parcel has remained underutilized, limiting both economic activity and the visual vitality of one of our most prominent corridors.

This proposal seeks Council authorization to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will actively invite qualified developers to submit redevelopment concepts for the site. The RFP framework would offer the property to a selected developer at no cost, in exchange for a binding commitment to construct a qualifying development within five years. This approach removes a major barrier to entry for developers while ensuring the Village retains leverage through clear performance benchmarks and timelines.

Posting this RFP is a proactive step toward transforming a long-vacant property into a catalyst for reinvestment, job creation, and downtown momentum. It signals to the development community that the Village of New Haven is open for business, creative in its tools, and serious about seeing meaningful redevelopment occur rather than allowing prime land to remain idle.

Council's approval to proceed with the RFP will position the Village to attract serious proposals, evaluate multiple redevelopment visions, and ultimately select a partner that aligns with our long-term goals for economic growth, community character, and responsible stewardship of public assets.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve moving forward with a Request For Proposals for developers to submit plans to build a development on 58405 Main Street in exchange for ownership of the property.

2024 aerial map:



2000 aerial map, showing where the hotel once stood:

