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R. O. No. 126 - 21 - 22. By DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.  
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Submitting a communication from Chad Pelishek, Director of Planning and Development, providing additional information related to the purchase of Jakum Hall at 2601 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street by the City of Sheboygan.

On December 6, 2022, the Common Council approved the purchase of the 2601 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street (Jakum Hall) for future use by the City. The source of funding for this purchase is the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars the City received from the U.S. Treasury.

The Act allows the use of these funds for affordable housing in qualified census tracts or areas adjacent to and/or serving qualified census tracts. Jakum Hall at 2601 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Street is not in a qualified census tract, but is located in an adjacent qualified census tract. The City's acquisition of this vacant, blighted property is to demolish the current buildings and market the site for new affordable housing that can serve businesses in the adjacent neighborhood as well provide housing for employees in the qualified census tract 5.

The reason this property was selected is because census tract 2.01/2.02 are considered Low to Moderate Income (LMI) census tracts under HUD's definition and because it is over an acre site located in the heart of the city.

The City intends to use ARPA funds for the demolition of the buildings once the property acquisition occurs. The City will follow all required ARPA rules and regulations related to the purchase and demolition of the current buildings.

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Director of Planning & Development