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## Villager Inn - Real and Present Emergency Demolition

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Commissioners:

I wanted to provide you with an update on the Villager Inn and its current state. We responded to a fire last night that severely damaged several rooms on the first and second floors of the western most building. In addition to the fire, we have had numerous police incidents and acts of vandalism to the entire complex since we have taken ownership. Police, Fire, and Community Development have been collaborating and coordinating all day to fully document the situation. Katie Eviston, Jill Allen, and I also visited the site for a walk through. It is our determination that we need to raze the building as soon as possible (within 72 hours) to avoid further risk to the health and safety of the public and our first responders. At this point, the buildings have endured more damage and would not be financially feasible for redevelopment. Community Development staff are actively working to obtain a quote from Tony Smith Wrecking to mobilize, demolish, and remove the entire complex. Chapter 145 of our Codified Ordinances allow us to proceed with a contract exceeding the \$50,000 threshold without formal procurement in cases where a real and present emergency has been determined.

I know that you may receive questions regarding the plans for the property as it was purchased to assist with the homelessness issue facing our community. We had placed an RFP out for redevelopment of the existing property this Spring, and did not receive any submissions that we could advance forward, which indicates that any type of project on the property would require the removal of said structures. We were actively working on bid documents to in fact move forward with demolition within the coming months. The recent activity, including the fire has escalated that into again the need to demolish the structure as a real and present emergency. Staff will continue to work on a bid document for the removal of flexible and rigid pavement, footers and foundations, and any other site preparation required to move forward with redevelopment on this property. At this point in time, I cannot provide what that plan is moving forward, but assure you staff will coordinate and collaborate on redevelopment efforts for this important piece of property on the western edge of our community.

I have attached reports compiled by Shannon Meadows, Jacob King, Allison Elliott, and their teams to this email. I will also share a link to a google drive file that contains photos and video of the property.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, and I will keep you posted to the status of advancing demolition forward.

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