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Wednesday, June 21, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.

City of Pontiac City Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER: (6:21pm)

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Chair Davis, Ken Burch, Kathy Henk, and Linda Porter (Quorum Reached)

Staff Members: Corey Christensen, Senior Planner

3. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

IV. AMENDMENTS TO & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion to approve the Historic District agenda for June 21, 2023 was made by Commissioner Henk and seconded by Commissioner Burch. Motion passed 4-0.

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made Commissioner Porter and seconded by Commission Henk to adopt the minutes from May 17, 2023. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

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| A. Application #: | HDC 23-014 |
| Applicant: | Oakland County Treasurer's Office |
| Request: | Demolition |

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Address: 75 Oliver St.

Senior Planner Corey Christensen gave a presentation on the applicant's request. The applicant is proposing demolition of a historic structure located in the GM Modern Housing Corporation historic district. The building and property were poorly maintained and was frequently cited for failure to comply with building code, trespassing and poor conditions. The property was conveyed to the County Treasurer's office from unpaid taxes. The County Land Bank Authority received a grant to stabilize three structures in the GM Modern Housing Corp Historic District and has determined this property to be in too poor of a condition to salvage. The structure is in significant disrepair and cannot be restored. Staff recommended approval of the notice to proceed to allow for demolition.

The applicant, Jill Robinson on behalf of the Oakland County Treasurer's Office, gave a presentation on the need to demolish the structure. The reasons cited were the poor conditions, the cost of bring the building up to code and the need to balance the interests of this property with the broader investment in the neighborhood.

After some discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Porter and seconded by Commissioner Henk to approve HDC23-014 to allow for the demolition of 75 Oliver St. Reasons cited by the Commission included the fact that the resource as it exists is a hazard to the public safety and that mothballing the structure is prohibitively expensive. The motion passed 4-0.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

IX. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Staff updated the commission on the expected upcoming interviews for new commission members.

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Henk made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Porter seconded. Motion passed 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Corey Christensen, Senior Planner
Community Development Department