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Common Council
Safety and Development Committee
West Allis, WI

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RE: Demolition Recommendation Committee Report

Dear Council Members:

The Demolition Recommendation Committee (DRC) was formed by Resolution R-2015-0156 to consist of the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, the Chief of Police, the Director of Building Inspection and Neighborhood Services (BINS), and the Director of Development and/or their designees. The role of the DRC is to submit a list of properties to the Common Council for approval. The properties on that list are ones which the DRC feels that the Director of BINS should pursue a raze order.

To create the list, The Director of BINS asked representatives from the Police Department and the Department of Public Works as well as BINS staff for properties that they would recommend to take to the committee. There were 35 properties on the initial list for review, each with various issues. After a review of these properties and much discussion, a list of 8 properties were recommended for raze orders at this time, in addition to the 4 properties currently with raze orders. See the attached schedule of recommended properties. The Police Department is reviewing their records of some of the borderline properties to see if more properties should be recommended for raze orders. Due to current staffing and workload levels, it was determined that realistically, BINS can only pursue 10-12 properties per year for raze orders.

After approval, BINS will work over the course of 2016 to pursue raze orders on these properties. This process can take as much as 4-6 months for each property based on the level of cooperation of the current owners and the courts. BINS will try to work with the property owners to renovate or clean up properties rather than demolition if the structure is sound. Once BINS staff has determined that a raze order is in order and the court agrees, the execution of the raze orders will be turned over to the Engineering Department for bidding and contracting.

I am available to answer any questions about these recommendations if you have any.

Sincerely,

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Schedule of Recommended Properties for Demolition

Properties with current raze orders:

- a. 1024 S. 97th Street
- b. 6026 W. National Avenue
- c. 6416 W. National Avenue
- d. 7030 W. National Avenue

Properties with raze orders in progress:

- e. 2113 S. 84th Street
- f. 6414 W. Greenfield Avenue

Properties recommended for pursuing raze orders:

- g. 1209 S. 57th Street
- h. 1133 S. 71st Street
- i. 1581 S. 71st Street (Garage only)
- j. 1343 S. 73rd Street
- k. 2041 S. 77th Street (Garage only)
- l. 6225 W. Beloit Road