



City of Racine, Wisconsin

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE: November 4, 2019 Redevelopment Authority

SUBJECT: Authorization to contract for environmental remediation service for the RDA properties at 1520-1536 Clark Street.

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SUMMARY:

City staff wishes to be granted the ability to contract with a qualified environmental remediation firm and be proactive in addressing a potential that asbestos and other like materials could become airborne in the subject buildings due to exposure to the elements.

BACKGROUND:

As supported by the 2015 Uptown Neighborhood Strategic Development Plan and the 2016 Uptown Tax Increment District, the RDA recognized the status of these properties as an important component to the revitalization plans for the Uptown area. As such, in 2016, the RDA acquired 1520 and 1536 Clark Street following the failure of an attempt by the firm Herman and Kittle to redevelop the properties.

With ownership comes the responsibility to stabilize RDA properties and work to minimize their further deterioration, and monitor and eliminate potential hazards. In this instance, City staff has become aware that building conditions have further deteriorated thus exposing hazardous materials to potential degradation due to exposure to the elements (wind, rain, snow).

Staff seeks to be proactive to be able to remove asbestos and like materials from the buildings so as to eliminate the possibility of these materials becoming airborne and impacting interior and exterior surfaces and air quality.

FISCAL NOTE:

This remediation activity is not anticipated to exceed \$58,000 and funds are available through residual proceeds from the sale of the RDA's cellular communications site at 1811 Phillips Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff requests that the RDA grants permission to the Interim Executive Director to contract with a qualified environmental remediation firm to remove asbestos and/or other like hazardous substances, at 1520 and 1536 Clark Street.