



## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

### **Topic Report: CONSIDER DEMOLITION OF PROPERTY LOCATED 14550 ARMSTRONG BLVD. (FORMER OASIS MARKET)**

By: Amber G. Miller, Planning Manager

#### **Background:**

As Council is aware, on July 13, 2009 the City of Ramsey approved the inter-fund loan resolution which allowed the City to reimburse Anoka County for the acquisition and relocation expenses for the purchase of the property located at 14550 Armstrong Blvd., commonly known as the Oasis Market. This was funded through the Public Improvement Revolving Fund reimbursed by TIF Districts 1 & 4.

The property finally closed on April 20, 2010. To date, Council has not discussed what they would like to see done with the property. It has many of the same characteristics as the former Holiday Station, so the Council may wish to consider a similar arrangement. The adjacent property owner, Wiser Choice Liquors, is interested in maintaining the property in lieu of rent once the building has been demolished. The area where the building is located would be seeded and the adjacent property owner would be responsible for mowing as well as seal coating and maintaining the parking lot. Access on Armstrong would remain.

The City Council should consider the following options and direct staff accordingly.

- 1) Market the property for lease.
- 2) Demolish the property with funding from TIF District 4, remove the asphalt and seed the lot, keep sign.
- 3) Demolish the structure and enter into an agreement with the adjacent property owner as described above (this agreement would come back before Council for approval).

#### **Funding Source:**

City Funds/TIF funds

#### **Recommendation:**

Demolish the structure and enter into an agreement with the adjacent property owner as described above (this agreement would come back before Council for approval).

#### **CC Action:**

Instruct Staff to proceed with demolition of the structure and work with the City Attorney on an agreement with the adjacent property owner for parking and maintenance.

**Review Checklist:**

City Administrator  
Director of Public Works  
Deputy City Administrator

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**Attachments:**

None.

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