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Re: Repurchase application relating to tax-forfeited property at 702 Wilson Avenue

Dear Mr. Hanson:

This is to confirm that at the May 4, 2022 City Council Public Hearing, Ms. Moermond will recommend that the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners approve the repurchase application, in consideration of the applicant for repurchase not playing a role in this property becoming a significant municipal problem in terms of both long-terms code enforcement and police issues. Specifically, the resolution notes the following:

The City is asking the County to prioritize the following: 1) the County should order a Code Compliance Inspection report from the City's Department of Safety and Inspections, which enumerates the corrections required to bring the property into minimum code compliance and be issued a Certificate of Code Compliance; 2) the Contract for Deed executed with the prospective purchaser should include the expectation that a code compliance certificate be received in order to meet the terms of the contract; 3) the execution of the Contract for Deed be premised on the prospective purchaser's demonstration of the capacity to complete the rehabilitation of the property by way of a sworn construction statement or similar document and financing sufficient to execute that plan; and 4) the length of time granted by the County in the Contract for Deed with the prospective purchaser grant be the shortest period of time legally possible in order to complete the rehabilitation, in consideration of the significant code enforcement and police problems this property has brought to the neighborhood over many years and the need to re-establish stability at this location

If you have any further questions, you may contact me at 651-266-8515.

Sincerely,

/s/

Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

cc: Steve Magner
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