

Council Approves Sale of City Hall Property

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Troutdale, Oregon – *Ray Young, Troutdale's City Manager, has released the following statement to announce the sale of old City Hall.*

The Troutdale City Council, after a public hearing on January 25, 2022, approved the sale of old City Hall, to Ent Ventures XIV. The potential buyer intends to remodel the historic building into a restaurant, bar, and beer brewing operation. The intended tenant currently operates the very popular Toffee Club & Away Days Brewing Co. in Portland.

The building was constructed in 1922 and has been vacant since 2012. City staff moved out of the building due to structural problems. After it was vacated, it's future was the subject of intense public scrutiny. The City explored several options to restore the building, and saving the building was the subject of a failed bond levy in 2019.

Since 2012 vocal and passionate community groups have advocated for an old City Hall solution which would save the building. The 2020 City Council Priorities directed staff to explore options for the sale of old City Hall property to a developer, with hopes for some conditions and incentives being used to save the building. As the City does not have the resources to save Old City Hall, this sale will lead to the preservation and restoration of the historic building as well as bring a successful brew pub and new dining option to downtown.

The City is providing significant development and permit credits to assist with the historic preservation and adaptive reuse renovation of the hundred-year-old building. Without this sale it is unlikely that the building would have been saved.

The developer anticipates that the final restoration will preserve the historic look of the building, similar to the attached image.

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