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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 29, 2026 City Council meeting on item 2026.MM43.10, Addressing Moribund Development Sites - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin

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Comments:

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I'd like to encourage the city to include in this process the following proactive steps by the city for buildings which are abandoned or in tax arrears or the developer is indicating that they are looking for permits that may not be acted on for an extended period of time...

- 1) options to accelerate demolition or reduction of risk on the site, including city loans, grants or other proactive measures
- 2) temporary construction of public amenities - parks, pickle ball, food trucks, bike share, parking, etc at the cities expense or coordination - with agreement from the property owner, councillor and appropriate compensation and timelines, insurance, risk etc.

Some buildings in the city have been abandoned for 10+ years without any productive use. Working with land owners to accelerate and temporarily transform them into useful spaces is in the cities interests. These questions should be included in forms, and in discussions with property owners as soon as possible, and proactive approaches should be taken (calling occasionally to ask on status, etc)

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