

Minutes Approved

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July 6, 2021

Regular Council Meeting

Elyria City Council

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of Elyria City Council was called to order on Monday, July 6, 2021 at 7:01 P.M. by President Stewart. President Stewart opened the meeting with a moment of reflection and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Virtual Council meeting. The recording/audio tape of this meeting is available on City of Elyria Channel on YouTube. (Zoom meeting)

2. ROLL CALL--COUNCIL MEMBERS:

PRESENT: Callahan, Cerra, Baird, Davis, Keys, Mitchell, Oswald, Simmons, Stewart, Tollett

ABSENT: Jessie

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Whitfield, SSD Brubaker, ASSD Calvert, ASSD Williams, Law Dir. Deery, Asst. Clerk Lotko, Finance Dir. Pileski, Asst. Fin Dir. John Farrell, Police Chief Whitely, Asst. Fire Chief Gall, Superintendent Terry Korzan, Director Reardon, HR Director Yousefi

ABSENT: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Cerra moved, Tollett seconded that the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2021 be approved as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS:

Council President Stewart: None

Mayor Whitfield:

Mayor Whitfield expressed what an honor it is to have the honor to declare holidays for the City of Elyria. There hasn't been a national holiday in thirty plus years This holiday is particularly special because it marks the day in America where all were made free. Juneteenth marks the last enslaved Americans when they were notified of their freedom in Texas. Mayor Whitfield shared that many African American have celebrated Juneteenth with family and friends, but this year he is proud that our country is acknowledging as a holiday that all Americans are encouraged and supported to celebrate. A proclamation was presented declaring June 19, 2022 and beyond as an official holiday for the City of Elyria.

5. REMARKS AND REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS: CONTINUED

Safety Service Director Brubaker:

SSD Brubaker shared Friday July 2 that fireworks were held after a year delay due to the pandemic. He provided kudos the Parks and Rec., Street and any other departments that supported the success of the event. As well as Elyria Police and Fire departments. It was a great night, kudos to the citizens of Elyria as well. SSD Brubaker provided an update to a log jam and debris in the river that is being cleared over the next couple of days. Next week the EFD will be picking up the first of two pumper trucks. Additional kudos to the Public Utilities Department, a notification was received from a resident in regard to employee Alisa Edwards, she went above and beyond. Mr. Brubaker read the customer comments specific to a high consumption letter. The level of customer satisfaction was exemplary. President Stewart echoed the fireworks were fantastic.

Finance Director Pileski: No report

Finance Director Pileski provided an update regarding an agenda item for 2022 tax Budget that required a Public hearing.

Law Director Deery: No report

Law Director Deery reiterated how nice it was to see everyone out enjoying themselves at West Park after a year of Covid quarantine for the fireworks. Ms. Deery requested that council adjourn into executive session on several matters including a personnel issue, pending litigation and potential real estate acquisition.

Police Chief Whitely:

Chief Whitely provided an official announcement that he has asked Civil Service to provide a Police Chief's exam as he has intentions to retire by the end of the year. President Stewart expressed his appreciation for Chief Whitely's commitment and dedication to the city, he is certain that a formal appreciation service will be held closer to the retirement date. Mr. Oswald asked about the number of fireworks calls on July fourth in comparison to the City of Lorain. Chief Whitely responded the call volume is high every year, however there are not enough officers to police fifty three thousand people shooting off fireworks.

Asst. Fire Chief Gall: No report

ASSD Calvert: No report

Eng. Schneider: No report

Sup. Terry Korzan: No Report

HR Director Yousefi: No report

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

1. The matter of a request for a transfer Liquor License at Harlem Food Mart & Vape LLC DBA Harlem Food Mart 404 East ave. & Outbuilding, Elyria (C1, C2).

REFERRED BY: Ohio Division of Liquor Control

REFERRED TO: Community Development

2. The matter of a request for a Conditional Use Permit for a Childcare and Aftercare Center located at 700 Gulf Road.

REFERRED BY: FGFF Rapha International Center, Inc.

REFERRED TO: Planning Commission and Community Development

3. The matter of the request for an exception to the City's Subordination Policy for CD Rehabilitation Loans (Taylor).

REFERRED BY: Director Scott

REFERRED TO: Joint- Community Development & Finance

4. The matter of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment.

REFERRED BY: Mona Almabayyed

REFERRED TO: Joint- Community Development & Finance

5. The matter of the PY 2022 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan, Consolidated Plan Update.

REFERRED BY: Mona Almabayyed

REFERRED TO: Joint- Community Development & Finance

6. The matter of a Professional Services Contract with Joel Ratner Community Partnership, LLC for consulting services for the Elyria Community Development Corporation.

REFERRED BY: Assistant Director Calvert

REFERRED TO: Joint- Community Development & Finance

7. The matter of raising the Muni Court part-time Security Bailiff hourly rate.

REFERRED BY: Judge Gary C. Bennett

REFERRED TO: Finance

8. The matter of submitting applications to the office of the Attorney General, State of Ohio and if accept, if offered a 2021-2022 Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA)

REFERRED BY: Law Director Deery

REFERRED TO: Finance

9. The matter of the purchase of 10 Evolis XL Solar powered Radar Speed Signs (28 x 2 inches) Price not to exceed \$30,000.

REFERRED BY: Councilman Mark Jessie

REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment and Finance Committees

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

6. PRESIDENT'S REFERRALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

10. The matter of authorizing the mayor to advertise and award a contract fo additional resurfacing projects throughout the City.

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment and Finance Committees

11. The matter of advertising for bids and entering into a contract to construct a pedestrian bridge/sidewalk on Fuller Rd.

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment and Finance Committees

12. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to submit applications for the grant and or loan from OPWC year 2022.

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment and Finance Committees

13. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the East Park Pavilion Project.

REFERRED BY: Director Reardon

REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment and Finance Committees

14. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bid and enter into a contract for the 2021 Crack Sealing Project.

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment

15. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to amend the contract regarding the transfer of Oakwood School contents to the City.

REFERRED BY: Adm. Legal Counsel, James M. Taylor

REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment

16. The matter of authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ODOT to perform reactive maintenance on SR 10 and SR 20.

REFERRED BY: Engineer Schneider

REFERRED TO: Utilities, Safety & Environment

Item17- 18 Received and Placed on File in the Clerk's Office

17. List of receipts collected be each division of The Clerk of court's Office for the month of May 2021.

18. July 2021 Income Tax Report

7. PETITIONS COUNCIL MEMBERS: None**8. PETITIONS LOBBY:**

Michael Grega, 107 Loyola Dr., Elyria, OH 44035 - Excessive noise from the Dawg House Bar and Grille: Exhibit "A" attached

8. PETITIONS LOBBY: CONTINUED

Melissa Garza, 376 Woodland Ave., Elyria, OH 44035- Gotta Bash That Trash: Exhibit "A" attached

Theresa Shea, 519 East Ave., Elyria, OH 44035- American Rescue Plan Money: Exhibit "A" attached

9. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Sponsored by:	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2021- 7</u>
Community	WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE MATTER OF A LIQUOR
Development:	LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST AS SUBMITTED BY
T. Callahan	DHARMA SATYA, INC TO BE TRANSFERRED TO DALES
M. Jessie	MARKET & DELI, LLC, LOCATED AT 417 CLEVELAND ST,
D. Mitchell	ELYRIA AND THE CITY OF ELYRIA DOES NOT REQUEST A
K. Oswald	HEARING.
J. Cerra	

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to accept this committee report as read.

PASSAGE:
AYE: 10
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:	<u>COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2021- 8</u>
Community	WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE MATTER OF A LIQUOR
Development:	LICENSE TRANSFER REQUEST AS SUBMITTED BY RIVER
T. Callahan	ROAD VENTURE, LTD TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ELYRIA
M. Jessie	WING COMPANY, LLC LOCATE AT 239 MIDWAY BLVD.,
D. Mitchell	ELYRIA AND THE CITY OF ELYRIA DOES NOT REQUEST A
K. Oswald	HEARING.
J. Cerra	

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to accept this committee report as read.

PASSAGE:
AYE: 10
NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED

10. RESOLUTIONS – FIRST READING: *please note a numerical correction to Resolution 2021-15/16*

Sponsored by:	<u>RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 15</u>
Finance:	A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIST SUBMITTED BY THE
V. Stewart III	SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR THE COLLECTION OF
P. Tollett	DELINQUENT INACTIVE UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND
B. Davis	DIRECTING THE CLERK OF COUNCIL TO CERTIFY SAID
M. Jessie	ACCOUNTS TO THE LORAIN COUNTY AUDITOR
J. Baird	

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:	<u>RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 16</u>
Finance:	A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE CITY HAS UNFIT FOR
V. Stewart III	ELYRIA CITY MUNICIPAL USE CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY,
P. Tollett	AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
B. Davis	<i>(COMPANION RESOLUTION TO THE FOLLOWING ORD)</i>
M. Jessie	
J. Baird	

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this resolution on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

11. RESOLUTIONS--SECOND READING: None

12. RESOLUTIONS--THIRD READING: None

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING:

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 103**
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF
 V. Stewart III SAFETY SERVICE TO DISPOSE OF, BY THE BEST MEANS
 P. Tollett POSSIBLE, CITY PROPERTY THAT IS UNFIT FOR
 B. Davis MUNICIPAL USE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
 M. Jessie
 J. Baird

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 104**
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-50,
 V. Stewart, III KNOWN AS THE “2021 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
 P. Tollett ORDINANCE,” TO CHANGE FUND IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS.
 J. Baird
 B. Davis
 M. Jessie

Tollett moved, Baird seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 105**
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING THE JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY
 V. Stewart, III AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PERSONAL HOLIDAY TIME
 P. Tollett FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021, AND DECLARING AN
 J. Baird EMERGENCY.
 B. Davis
 M. Jessie

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021- 106**
 Finance: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ELYRIA CODIFIED ORDINANCE
 V. Stewart, III SECTION 165.04: HOLIDAYS.
 P. Tollett
 J. Baird
 B. Davis
 M. Jessie

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-107**
 Community AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN
 Development: LANDS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR TE
 T. Callahan INSTALLATION OF STREETS AND UTILITIES AS PROVIDED FOR
 M. Jessie IN THE FINAL PLAT OF RIDGE WATER SUBDIVISION PHASE I.
 D. Mitchell
 K. Oswald
 J. Cerra

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Callahan moved, Mitchell seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

- Community Development:
- T. Callahan
- M. Jessie
- D. Mitchell
- K. Oswald
- J. Cerra

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-108

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE ESSENTIAL SERVICES PROGRAM GUIDELINES FOR USE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLA ACT (ARPA), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Callahan moved, Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

EMERGENCY:

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

PASSAGE:

AYE: 10

NAY: 0

ABSENT: 1

MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:

- Community Development:
- T. Callahan
- M. Jessie
- D. Mitchell
- K. Oswald
- J. Cerra
- Finance:
- V. Stewart, III
- P. Tollett
- J. Baird
- B. Davis
- M. Jessie

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-109

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Callahan moved, Tollett seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-110**
 Community AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF 2016.50% INCOME
 Development: TAX CAPITAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN ITEMS FOR
 T. Callahan VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS, AND DECLARING AN
 M. Jessie EMERGENCY.
 D. Mitchell
 K. Oswald
 J. Cerra
 Finance:
 V. Stewart, III
 P. Tollett
 J. Baird
 B. Davis
 M. Jessie

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

No Sponsorship **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-111**
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-6, KNOWN AS
 THE "SALARY ORDINANCE", TO REFLECT UPDATED WAGES
 FOR CERTAIN PART-TIME MUNICIPAL COURT EMPLOYEES AND
 DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Tollett moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules. Tollett moved , Davis seconded to add emergency clause.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-112**
 Utilities, Safety & Environment AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF ABBE ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
 D. Mitchell
 D. Simmons
 J. Keys
 J. Cerra

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-113**
 Utilities, Safety & Environment AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF BURNS ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
 D. Mitchell
 D. Simmons
 J. Keys
 J. Cerra

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by: **ORDINANCE NO. 2021-114**
 Utilities, Safety & Environment AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF GULF ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
 D. Mitchell
 D. Simmons
 J. Keys
 J. Cerra

13. ORDINANCES – FIRST READING: CONTINUED

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Sponsored by:	<u>ORDINANCE NO. 2021-115</u>
Utilities, Safety & Environment D. Mitchell D. Simmons J. Keys J. Cerra	AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE REFURBISHMENT OF THE WWPC PLANT AERATION BLOWER #2, A NEW VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE AND REPLACEMENT MOTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Davis seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 10	AYE: 10	AYE: 10
NAY: 0	NAY: 0	NAY: 0
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

14. ORDINANCES–SECOND READING: None**15. ORDINANCES–THIRD READING: None****16. COMMITTEE CALLS:**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 7/26/2021 6:00 P.M. All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Law Director, SSD, Engineer, Bldg. Insp.

VIRTUAL/ZOOM

FINANCE 7/26/2021 Following CD All Referred Items Council Chambers w/Mayor, Fin. Director, Law Director, SSD, Engineer

VIRTUAL/ZOOM

UTILITIES, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT 7/14/2021 6:00 P.M. All Referred items w/ Law Director, SSD, Engineer

STRATEGIC PLANNING 8/2/2021 Immediately following Council All Referred Items Council Chambers W/ Mayor, Safety Service Director, Finance Dir., Law Director, Engineer

VIRTUAL/ZOOM

17. MISC AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Oswald provided positive feedback regarding contacting Street Supervisor Preston Curtiss. Repairs needed to be made to Alexander Dr. that Mr. Curtiss wasn't certain street crews could successfully repair. Mr. Curtiss put some thought into the project and they were able to repair the street satisfactory. Mr. Oswald called Mr. Curtiss out for another street repair and when the crews came out to patch the requested area plus other areas that they recognized were in need of repair. Mr. Oswald is a proponent of additional monies being set aside for street repairs, not Issue 6 money, but in the department budget.

Clerk Lotko presented the reconsideration of Ordinance 2021-102

No Sponsorship

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-102

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ACTION TO ABATE THE NUISANCE AT 327 BROAD STREET, ELYRIA, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mitchell moved, Baird seconded to pass this ordinance on its first reading under suspension of the rules and declaring an emergency.

The Mayor vetoed the ordinance, a Special meeting was held on June 14, 2021, discussion was had regarding the disrepair of the building. All council members share the same belief of resident safety regarding the building.

President Stewart stated that the Mayor wanted to share a presentation.

Mayor Whitfield explained the veto was no intent to make a judgement a call on whether the building should be saved or demolished. The whole purpose was to allow the team time to do the due diligence necessary to make a well-informed decision on the future of the building. Mayor Whitfield clarified that the presentation is being presented by the community group.

Stephen Rice, 226 5th Street, Elyria, OH represented as a member of the Community Development Corporation (CDC). He stated a public presentation has not been prepared to share. Mr. Rice stated that state and federal level historic tax credits are available, new market tax credits specifically designed for areas dealing with economic depression. Mr. Rice believes that these credits together can pay for forty to seventy percent of the rehabilitation costs of 327 Broad St. Mr. Rice states that a more comprehensive proposal will be submitted in the future.

Mr. Oswald expressed that he does not want a gaping hole in the community, however it is crunch time and this is not a new issue, are the promises of funding secured? The group will need to contact council members individually over the next few weeks to provide an update on secure funding numbers/ percentages.

Mr. Oswald expressed that he is not in agreement with the housing specifically targeting low-income residents. He stated there is essential low-income housing available in the City of Elyria. He stated that the City of Elyria is a nice city and there should be no need for affordable housing or apartments when we are trying to build up the city.

Mr. Rice responded that most cities that are trending as "coolest historic cities" have taken advantage of programs that they are suggesting. Mr. Rice provided example areas, Tremont

neighborhood, Kamm’s Corner, each neighborhood provides a mix of luxury and low income living.

Mr. Baird stated that agreed, he does not want another whole in the community. He stated this project is unusual, however the level of disrepair has been over the course of twenty years. From his perspective, it did not get bad overnight, and it can’t be fixed overnight. Mr. Baird stated that he is more inclined to allow the Mayor and his team some additional time and to protect the building with netting. He doesn’t believe we can afford the liability. Mr. Baird is hopeful that the project can be successful, however recognized that it can’t go on forever. Mr. Baird is in favor of the veto to hold off on the demo. President Stewart requested confirmation from Mayor Whitfield regarding wether or not an analysis had been conducted on the structure from a Structural Engineer for demolition or repurpose, repair or rehabilitation. Mayor Whitfield confirmed that a structural engineer has been identified and is ready to begin the work, however if the building is going to be demolished, it would be appropriate to have the contractor hire the structural engineer to assess the demolition only. President Stewart request clarification from Engineer Schneider regarding the demolition process.

Engineer Schneider confirmed, yes, one way is to have the contractor hire a structural engineer. It would be part of the bid process.

President Stewart asked Building Official Farkas to provide an overview of the previous report that he presented to council.

Mr. Farkas stated that he provided a brief synopsis of what he discovered during the inspection. He shared that the property maintenance sections that were quoted were limited as t what would be considered imminent danger or something that could be considered for condemnation. In lieu of speaking, he thought it would be best to share some key photos that depict the structural integrity of the building. (Attached Exhibit “A”)

SUSPENSION:	EMERGENCY:	PASSAGE:
AYE: 8	AYE: 8	AYE: 8
NAY: 1	NAY: 1	NAY: 1
ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1	ABSENT: 1
MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED	MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Cerra to go into executive session at 9:01 P.M.

Roll call

Moved by Mitchell, seconded by Mrs. Keys to come out of executive session at 9:46 P.M.

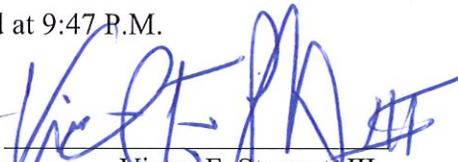
Roll call

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Baird Motion to adjourn, Simmons seconded at 9:47 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED


Michael J. Lotko, III
Clerk of Council


Victor F. Stewart, III
President of Council

RLP/

EXHIBIT "A"

REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

NAME MICHAEL GREGA DATE 7/6/21
ADDRESS 107 LOYOLA DR PHONE 440-670-6789
REPRESENTING (SELF) EMAIL mmgrega1979@
(If self, please specify) gmail.com

**PLEASE NOTE: REMARKS ARE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES
A COPY OF YOUR REMARKS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE CLERK OF
COUNCIL TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Have you contacted the appropriate department? Yes No

Who in the department was contacted? POLICE & COUNCIL PERSON Date _____

Have you contacted the Mayor? Yes No

Have you contacted the Safety Service Director? Yes No

Have you contacted your Ward Council person? Yes No

SUBJECT:

EXCESSIVE NOISE FROM THE "DANG HOUSE"
BAR & GRILLE NEAR LCCC

**PLEASE NOTE: MATTERS WHICH HAVE HAD, OR WILL HAVE A PUBLIC
HEARING SHALL NOT BE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION FROM THE LOBBY DURING
THE COUNCIL MEETING.**

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 @ 6:45pm, Elyria City Hall

Hello, my name is Mike Grega. My wife, Maria, and I are both from Lorain County, and have owned houses in Elyria since 1983: 11 years on Pasadena Avenue, 24 years on Huntington Circle, and the last 3 years at 107 Loyola Drive, which we had built on a vacant lot near Antioch Drive. Shortly after we moved to Loyola, the bar formerly known as Rockers on Antioch closed, and was for sale for a long time. It was finally sold with the intent of being a sports bar called the Dawg House.

After they were open for awhile and during the COVID pandemic last year, an outside patio was added, along with TVs and speakers. We quickly found that the outside speakers were too loud and met with the owner, Eric, who assured us that he would only use the outside speakers during sporting events, and gave us his number to let him know if it was too loud. We took him up on that frequently.

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REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

NAME Melissa A. Laryo DATE 7-6-21
ADDRESS 376 Woodland Ave PHONE 40-219-2791
REPRESENTING Gotta Bash That Trash Elgin EMAIL Gottabashthat
(If self, please specify) trash@yahoo.com

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A COPY OF YOUR REMARKS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE CLERK OF
COUNCIL TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Have you contacted the appropriate department? Yes No

Who in the department was contacted? Kevin Brubaker Date 6-21

Have you contacted the Mayor? Yes No

Have you contacted the Safety Service Director? Yes No

Have you contacted your Ward Council person? Yes No

SUBJECT: Creation of a Volunteer City Litter Dept.
and/or help with supplies and support

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THE COUNCIL MEETING.**

GOTTA BASH THAT TRASH ELYRIA

My name is Melissa Garza and I'm General of the group, GOTTA BASH THAT TRASH ELYRIA. We are an anti-litter organization that is 100% Volunteer based. We will be going street by street, neighborhood by neighborhood to fight the litter problem in Our City and County of Lorain. The situation is dire...the litter is EVERYWHERE...and not just in Our City, I'm sure. I can't look away any longer. If I were to look away, then who WILL look?

I'm the type of person who doesn't like to ask for help, but I found that the litter problem is bigger than me. So, I did the research to find a solution, from anyone, from anywhere who would help me fight.

I found that the City Street Department is ultimately responsible for the litter collection and removal. Problem is that our Street Department is just a lean, 10 person crew, to maintain and repair 409 miles of highway, 187 miles of divided 2 lane roads, 518 streets, 151 cul-de-sacs, our Historic Downtown AND keep the litter under control? IMPOSSIBLE!!!

Yes, we can call someone in the City to complain about a heavily littered area, only to become frustrated when nothing is done. Call this one or that one, it doesn't matter. I say that it's up to US...and by US, I mean US...you, me, all the businesses that call Elyria

home and EVERY Citizen in the City. We all have our own separate problems and excuses why we don't act. Maybe you want to do something but you just don't know where to start?

Please, stand with US! As a United front. We are stronger together. Everyone has a role that they can play. Give your support in any way that is possible, just like me and all the other Volunteers, who are giving all they can. Because it's the right thing to do.

One person CAN make a difference. We lead by example. Others will follow.

BE THE CHANGE!!!

CONTACT INFORMATION: gottabashthattrashelyria@yahoo.com
(440) 219-2791, Facebook group page GOTTA BASH THAT TRASH ELYRIA

Thank you,
Melissa Garza

GIVING STATEMENT

Giving is great and means so very much to whom is receiving.

Giving something that is important to you means MORE...to both giver and receiver.

Melissa Garza



GOTTA BASH THAT TRASH ELYRIA Supply Need List

Melissa Garza, General

gottabashthattrashelyria@yahoo.com (440)-219-2791, melissa.agarza73@yahoo.com

GOTTA BASH THAT TRASH ELYRIA
ON FACEBOOK

Group T-shirts

Gloves

Garbage bags

5 gallon buckets

Litter pickers

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for your help and support, in any way, shape or form you are able to and God
Bless you and yours, always and FOREVER!

General Garza





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ADOPT A BLOCK CHALLENGE

GOTTA BASH THAT TRASH ELYRIA

Walk your "Block" for the exercise and pick up litter at the same time! All supplies you need will be provided for you. If your "Block" is severely littered, Our Crew will come through and BASH THAT TRASH, so after that, it'll only be upkeep for you, as your schedule allows. You can Adopt any "Block" you want and the Crew will be there if you need help. We convene on Saturday at 2pm. I've Adopted my "Block" and all the neighbors appreciate my efforts. I actually walk the curbs up and down with my cart and picker in hand, it's MY "Block"! Since I've been keeping My "Block" clean, neighbors have beautified their properties! It's also opened the door to get to know my neighbors and have positive interaction and support from them.

REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

NAME Theresa Shen DATE 7-6-2021
ADDRESS 519 EAST AVE PHONE 284-940
REPRESENTING self EMAIL trshea@windstream.net
(If self, please specify)

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SUBJECT:

AMERICAN Rescue Plans money

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LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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Our mission: To serve and empower Lorain County residents in need

Lorain County Community Action Agency Vehicle Match Program (BYCar)

Contact: Colette Park
936 Broadway Avenue
Lorain, Ohio 44052
(440) 204-3151



Program Description

Lorain County Community Action Agency (LCCAA) offers the Vehicle Match Program. The program will assist eligible participants with the purchase of a vehicle for transportation to ***work or school!*** Please be advised that you must be employed or be a student to participate. In order to qualify, the applicant cannot have a car in their name for at least 30 days and no member of the applicant's household can own a car. The applicant must have an income below 200% of the federal income guidelines. This level is a temporary change due to Covid-19. An *income-eligibility* chart is provided below:

The 2021 Income Guidelines	
Persons in Family	200% Income Guideline
1	25,760
2	34,840
3	43,920
4	53,000
For families with more than 4 persons, add \$ 9,080 for each additional person.	

Application Process

Interested individuals can obtain an application online at www.lccaa.net (see BYCar under Programs tab) or by reaching out to cpark@lccaa.net or calling (440) 204-3151.

Required forms include:

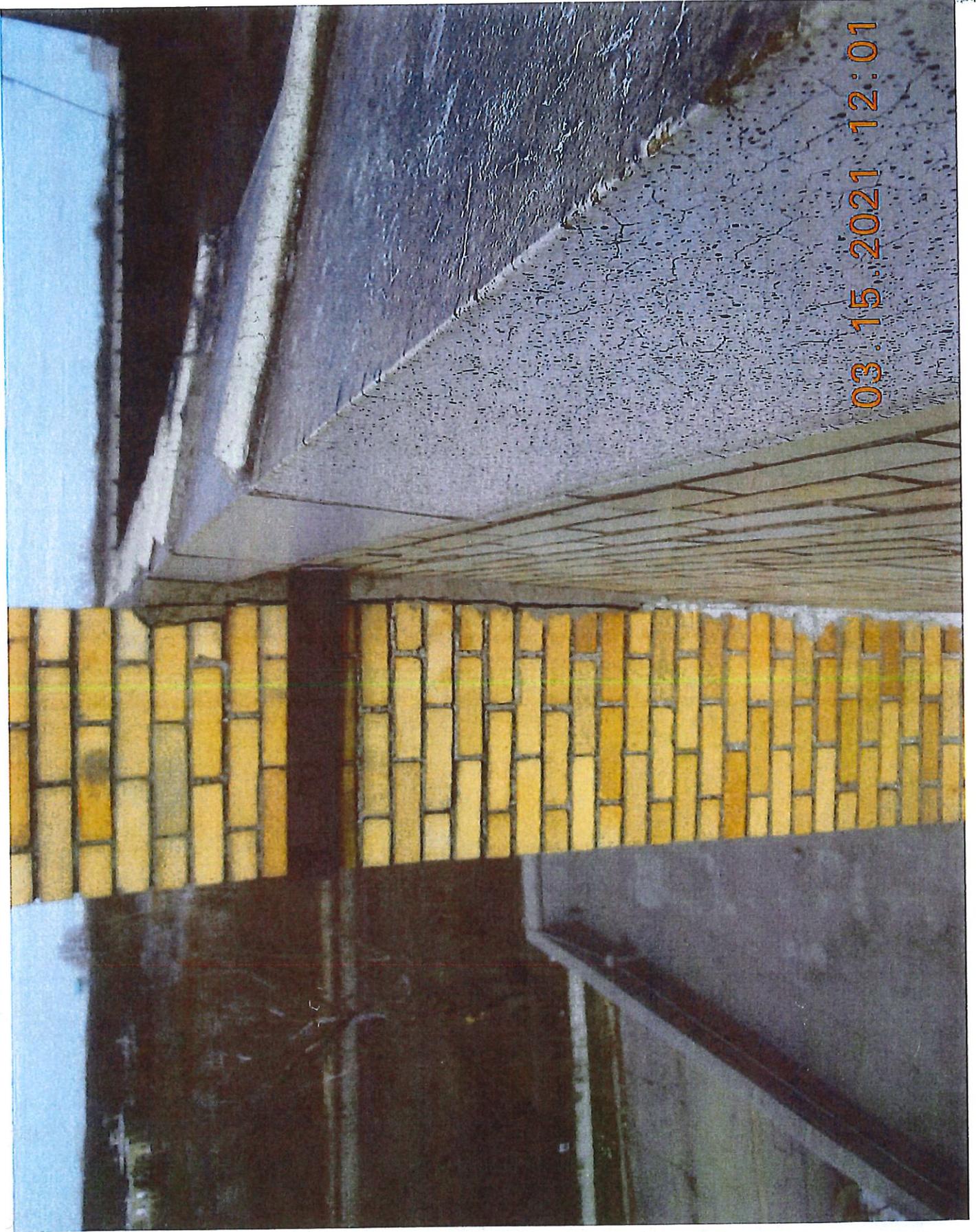
- BYCar Application
- CSBG Intake form

Required documentation to verify eligibility includes:

- Confirmation that you have funds available
- Proof of income
 - Pay stubs or appropriate documentation for total household income for the last 30 days for everyone in the household 18 years old or older.
 - A Completed Zero Income Statement if a household member over 18 has no income.
- Valid Ohio Driver's License
- Current Employer Paystubs or Copy of Your Current Class Schedule (12+ credit hours)
- Copy of Social Security cards for each member of the household.

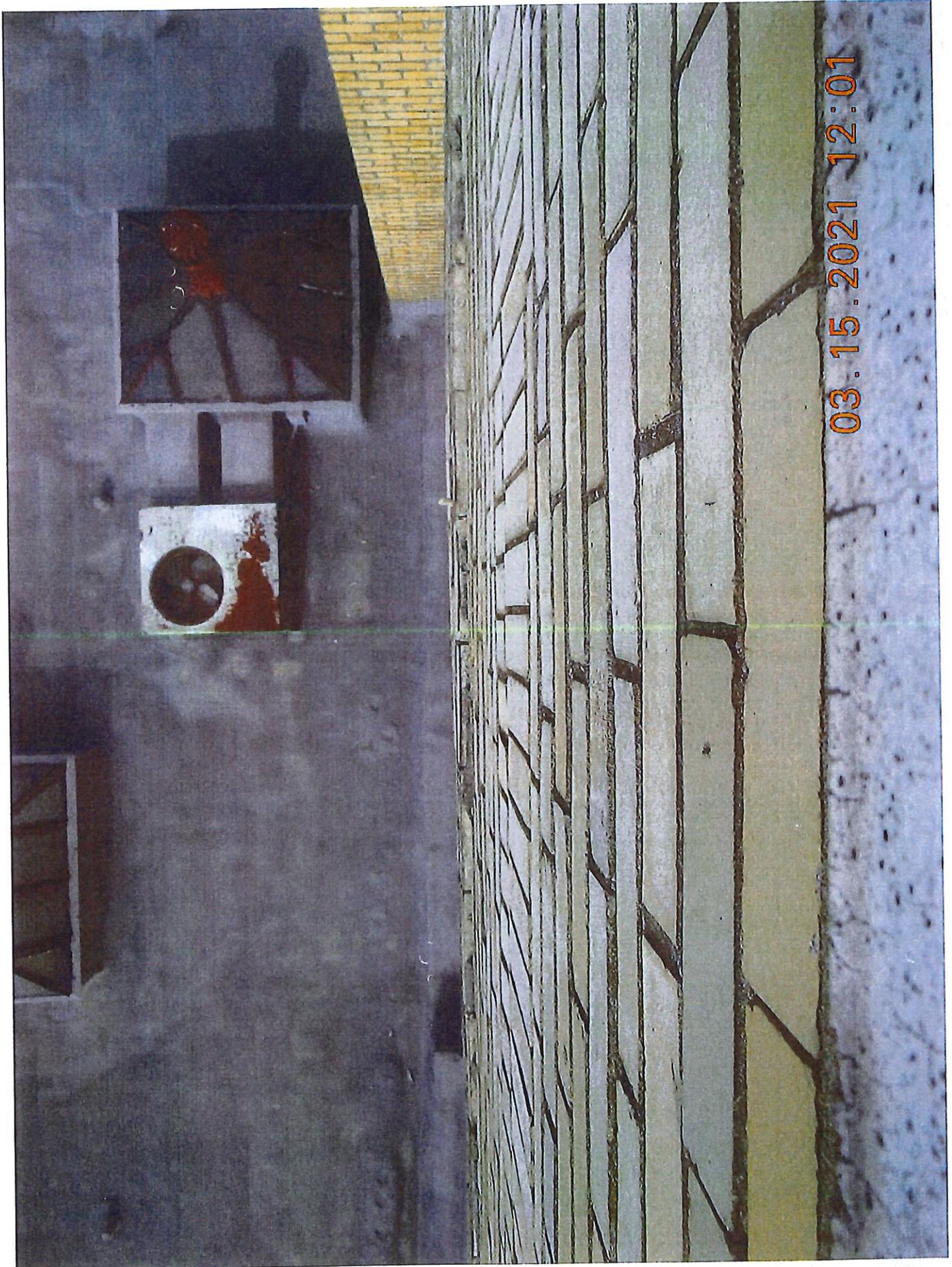
Once all documents are received a Financial Literacy program will be completed by participant through LCCAA and further information to complete the program will be given at that time.

EXHIBIT "A"





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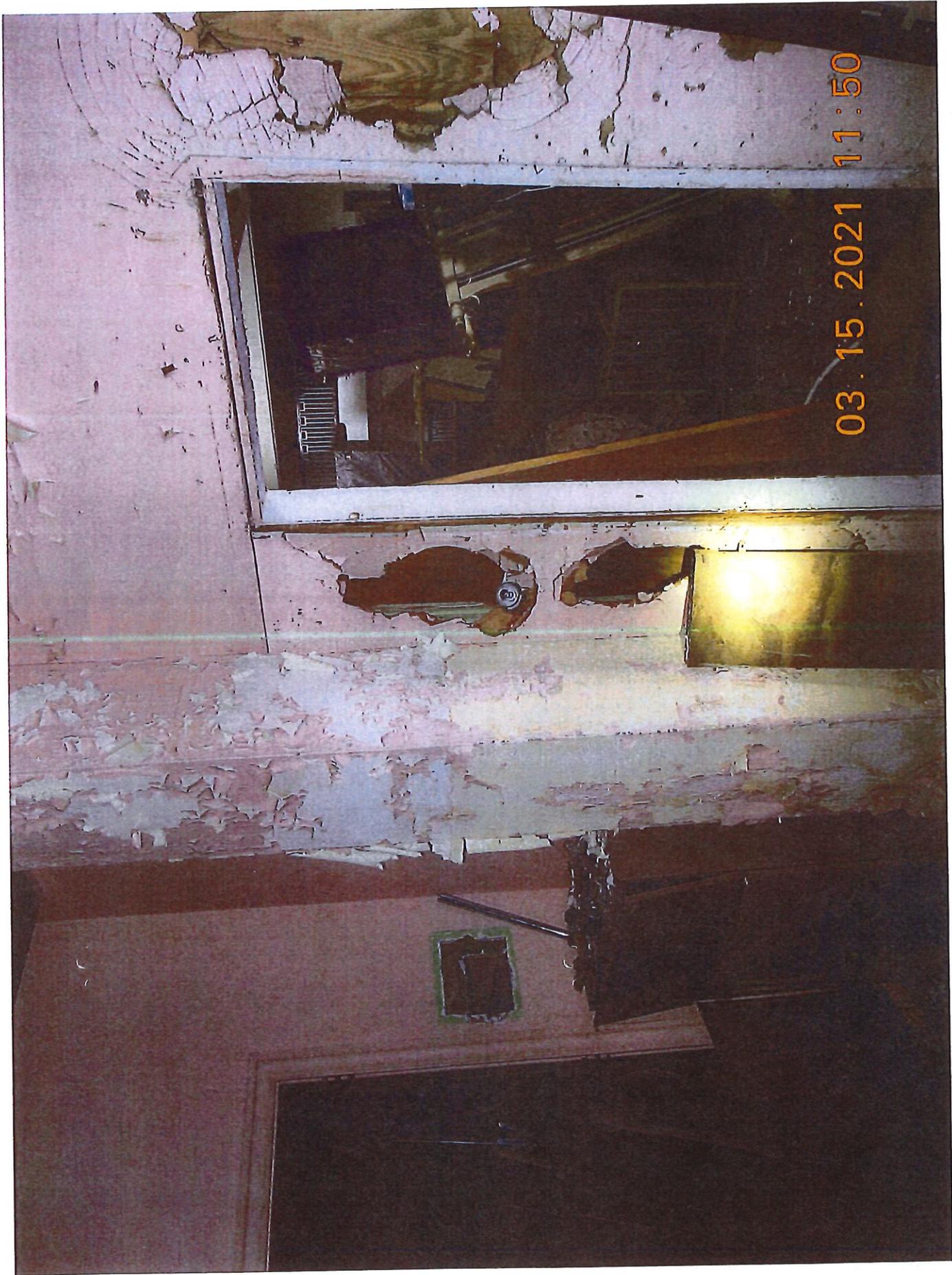


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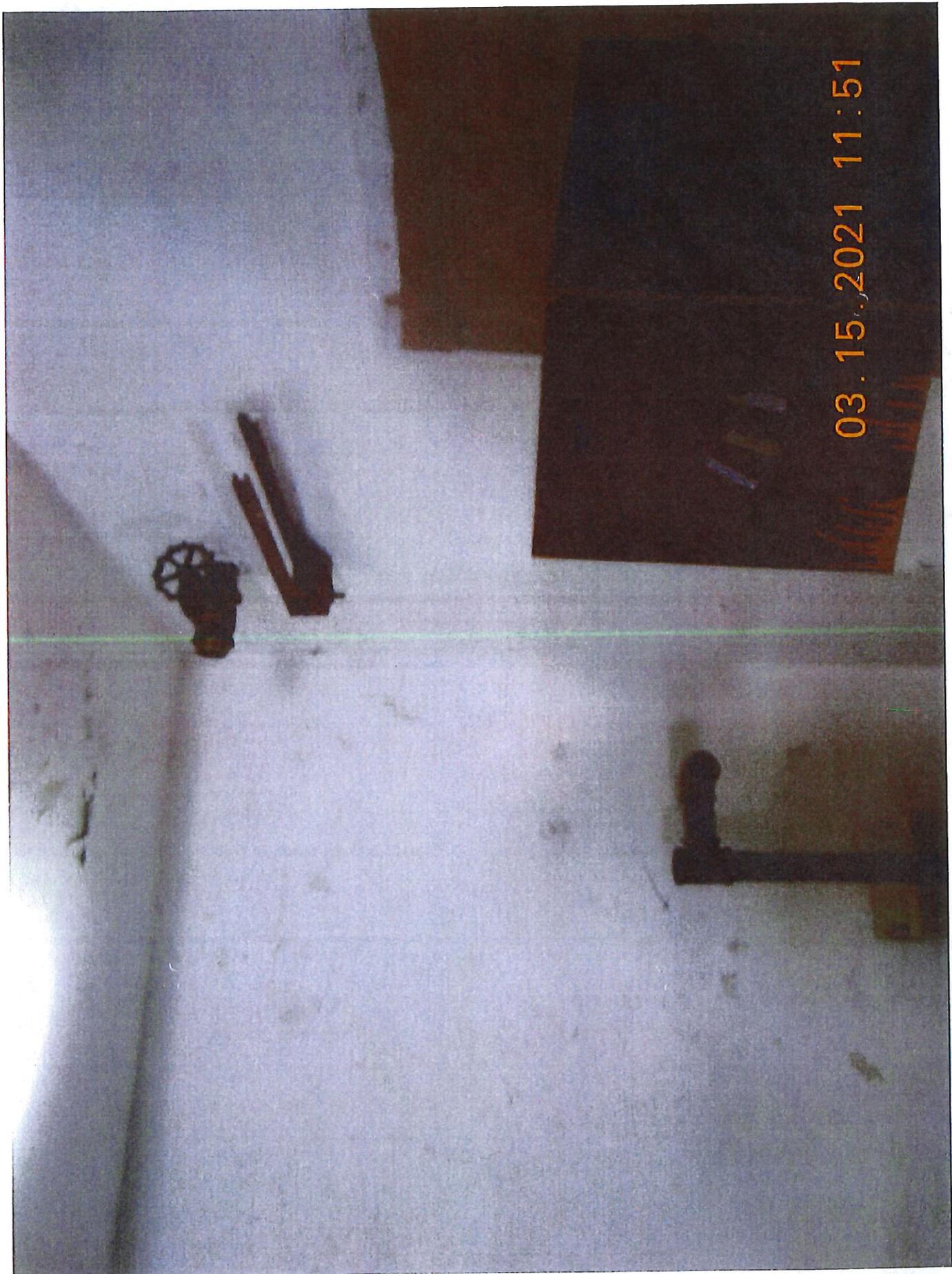
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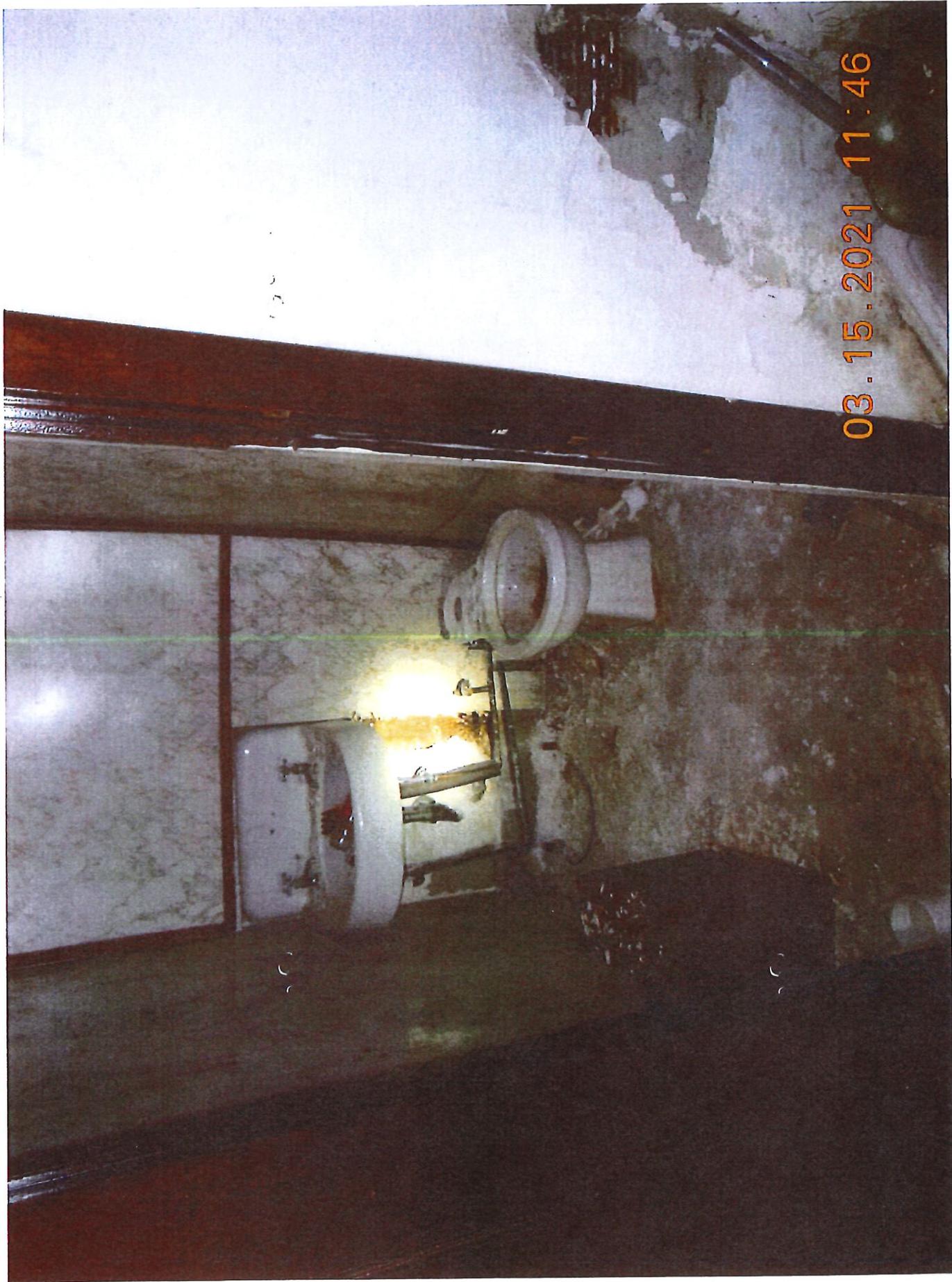
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