

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. C(2)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

**MEETING DATE:** March 20, 2007

**TITLE:** A Request to Dispose of the House on the MLK Park Property by Private Sale

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Management Services	<b>PUBLIC HEARING:</b> No
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Anita Jones-McNair 918-7381 Sandra Svoboda 918-7301

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to approve the disposal of the house on Martin Luther King Jr. Park located at 1120 Hillsborough Street by private sale according to G.S. 160A-267, which gives the Town permission to negotiate the conveyance of personal property worth less than \$30,000.

### INFORMATION

Staff is requesting Board approval to remove and dispose of the house located on the Martin Luther King Jr. Park property due to increased vandalism and other liability issues. Four incident reports have been filed within the last 9 months. Recently, staff discovered numerous broken exterior windows. The Police were called and upon entering the house they found broken glass, kicked in walls, broken light fixtures and cabinetry, smashed fireplace doors and drug paraphernalia lying on the floor. The house has become an easily accessible location of illegal activity and a place to "hang out". Also the interior is unsafe with broken glass everywhere and a collapsing ceiling due to water damage. The house is vacant and not scheduled for future use. As a matter of fact, the house is scheduled for demolition during the construction phase of the park. The Parrish Brothers of Orange County is interested in providing removal and disposal services. They will be responsible for all permits and expenses.

Staff also contacted BB&T, who holds the loan on the park property. They approved the removal of the house without adverse impact on the loan.

A notice summarizing this resolution is to be published once after its adoption and no sale shall be consummated until 10 days after its publication.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The Town should not incur any expenses with the disposal of the house. The removal will be a cost savings on the Town's insurance and the park project because approximately \$30,000 is earmarked for demolition.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the attached resolution requesting the disposal of the house on MLK Park by private sale to the Parrish Brothers.

