A. Items for discussion submitted by the City Council and/or the City Manager:

1. Budget Review
   i. Civic Center
   ii. Finance and Administration

2. Donation of 11 State Street Property – City Manager

B. Persons wishing to address the City Council who have submitted a formal request in accordance with Section 2-61 of the Code of Ordinances:

C. Open comment period for any persons wishing to address the City Council.
Memo

To: City Council
    William Bridgeo, City Manager

From: Matt Nazar, Director of Development Services

Date: April 10, 2017

Re: 11 State Street Donation

Anthony Thomas, the owner of 11 State Street, has offered to donate the property to the city. The four unit apartment building was the first one Rob Overton cited as unfit for habitation due to various building code violations, including an unsafe deck structure that is the only way to enter the three upper apartments. The building has been vacant for the last 5 years and the cost to repair it is beyond what is financially viable for the property. If the city does not accept the donation, the likely outcome is that we will eventually have to declare it a dangerous building as it continues to deteriorate, take it at that time, and tear it down.

The city owns the adjacent property at 15 Morton Place, taken for back taxes, and that building is not salvageable. It is physically in contact with 11 State Street, directly behind it. The city intends to tear 15 Morton Place down as a dangerous building. If we own 11 State Street, we could tear both down at the same time, combine the lots, and create a viable vacant lot.

City staff recommend that the Council accept the offer by the owner to donate 11 State Street to the city.