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## **Press Release**

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### **City Investing in North End As Tyler 21 Effort Continues**

The Tyler City Council voted unanimously Wednesday to approve the purchase of the Region's Bank Building at 900 W. Gentry Parkway to house the City's Neighborhood Services Department.

Mayor Joey Seeber said the purchase demonstrates the City of Tyler is moving forward with the goals of Tyler 21 and an investment in the North End of the city.

"Relocating our Neighborhood Services Department to this facility would make it more centrally located for the citizens we serve," Seeber said. "We also hope that this investment in the North End of our city will demonstrate our commitment to further pursue the goals of Tyler 21 and encourage investment from other entities."

The City of Tyler Neighborhood Services Department's mission is to provide safe, affordable housing for citizens of Tyler; fund activities which improve public facilities and services for low/mod persons; and instill a sense of community pride and purpose. The Neighborhood Services building houses the departmental offices of Community Development (CDBG and HOME Programs) and the Housing Department (Housing Choice Vouchers Program). Funding for these departments/programs is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Tyler 21 North End Revitalization Working Group is working to create a revitalization plan for North Tyler that will include a housing development and housing rehabilitation plan and market analysis, a commercial district plan, a plan to potentially create a community development corporation or similar nonprofit development entity, a funding plan, and an implementation plan.

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The City will purchase the building for \$233,350. The Neighborhood Services Department is expected to take occupancy in about six months after renovations are complete.

*The Tyler 21 project covers multiple elements including a Transportation and Congestion Mitigation Plan; North End Revitalization Plan; Downtown Development Plan; Historic Preservation Plan; Parks, Open Space and Lakes Plan; Housing and Neighborhood Quality of Life Plan; and Public Facilities and Infrastructure Plan. The final phases of this significant planning effort will include an implementation plan and a revision of zoning and subdivision codes in support of the plan recommendations. All of these pieces will come together to create a better picture of Tyler's future.*

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