



**Agenda Item Summary Sheet
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR**

MEETING DATE: January 5, 2026
WARD: 4

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7.11
QUASI-JUDICIAL: No

CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS

TITLE: Submission of EPA Brownfields Clean Up Grant application for remediation and environmental cleanup of the News Press Site on behalf of Midtown Catalyst, LLC, formerly known as Catalyst Community Development, LLC (Jessica McElwee, Grants Administration)	STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Economic Prosperity
MOTION / MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATION:	Approve
FUNDING SOURCE:	EPA Pub. L. 117-58, 135 Stat. 1396-1406
FISCAL IMPACT (\$):	TBD
ONE-TIME COST	Yes
BUDGET YEAR:	FY26
BUDGETED ITEM:	N/A

Person Initiating Request: Jessica McElwee

Department:Grants Administration

STAFF REPORT: In May of 2025, the City was approached by Midtown Catalyst, LLC. to investigate the merits of an application to the EPA for Brownfields Clean Up. This federal grant is designed to provide funds for remediation of the site from asbestos. Since the grant is only available to local governments, the City will be the applicant and recipient of these funds. This application will cover the cost of the site remediation and allow for the planned development to proceed free of contaminants.

There is no cost share requirement under this program as authorized under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act -- Pub. L. 117-58, 135 Stat. 1396-1406, so the City will not be required to provide any additional funds toward this project.