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Troy, developer end redevelopment talks

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Troy

The latest plan to redevelop the vacant lot where Troy's City Hall once stood ended Friday with a brief announcement that the city and Judge Development had mutually agreed to end talks after several issues couldn't be resolved.

The parties also said they wouldn't disclose details of the impasse and that the city would launch what will be its third effort to find a developer.

When Troy City Hall was erected in the mid-1970s, it was after a nearly four-decade effort to replace the City Hall that burned in 1938 on what is now the site of Barker Park.

The new building, a stark modern structure, drew criticism that it didn't fit in with the surrounding Victorian architecture.

By 2008, a move to knock it down and redevelop the site was under way, with a leaner city government destined to move to rented space in a former telephone company building.

Then-Mayor **Harry Tutunjian** pushed ahead with demolition, and the site was cleared in preparation for redevelopment.

More Information

City officials received three proposals and chose one submitted by a partnership led by local developer **John Nigro** over rival plans by Judge and by Columbia

Development/BBL Construction.

But the new administration of Troy Mayor **Lou Rosamilia** didn't like the plan's subsidized housing component and sought new proposals.

Judge's was the only one submitted.

On Friday, Rosamilia said redevelopment on the vacant lot "remains a high priority of the City of Troy," and promised to work with Judge Development on other downtown properties it owns.

City Hall offices have since moved from the former phone company building to rented offices in the Hedley Building on River Street. Officials continue to consider other sites for a permanent city hall.

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