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## City hears downtown presentation from 3rd developer – Vlass Group

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By Debbie Carson, Staff Writer

TEMPLE TERRACE — City leaders were scheduled to hear plans from its No. 2 ranked developer in hopes of salvaging the downtown redevelopment project Tuesday evening during a special meeting.

That meeting was set for 6 p.m. between the council, seated as the Community Redevelopment Agency, and The Vlass Group, of Atlanta.

The council followed the CRA meeting with a regular council meeting during which they could take a vote on any recommended actions.

Mayor Joe Affronti told The Beacon early last week that The Vlass Group did not expect to have any numbers or financial figures available at the time of the meeting.

Instead, Michael Vlass told the city that he would be looking for the council's direction and support for his proposed site plan.

The Vlass Group was part of a joint venture that bid on the downtown project in 2006 as Temple Terrace Investments.

At the time of the company's response to the city's Request for Qualifications, the firms did not provide a timeline or detailed costs. The firm said at the time that it would expect to work closely with the city to get a better sense of what the expectations and needs are.

Temple Terrace Investments consists of The Vlass Group, MJ Lant Development Inc. and Marketplace Advisors.

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