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To buy, or not to buy, the Cecil

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Now that the Cecil Tavern's licence has been pulled, the city must decide what to do about the Cecil Hotel.

Aldermen are divided over whether, or not, to buy the hotel and the land.

Alderman Druh Farrell represents the ward the Cecil Hotel is in. She believes purchasing the property would be a good step towards rejuvenating the area. "It's an excellent location, a very strategic location for a number of civic uses. It's one of the main entry points into the downtown core and the East Village."

Given concerns over the economy, Alderman Dianne Colley Urquhart isn't convinced spending more money is the answer. "This problem is so ingrained down here, I'm not sure that paying \$10-million or \$20-million for a hotel will cure the social problems, it might not," says the Ward 13 alderman.

The debate over the purchase officially begins at City Hall on Monday.

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