

Huber Heights to buy part of shopping center

City hopes deal will help spur revitalization of Brandt Pike.

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HUBER HEIGHTS — Huber Heights hopes its plan to purchase a part of a shopping center spurs a revitalization of Brandt Pike.

Huber Heights City Council on Tuesday gave the city manager the authority to negotiate buying a portion of Marian Shopping Center, which it has tried to purchase in the past.

The city council debated the purchase in executive session during its work session.

Huber Heights Mayor Jeff Gore announced the potential purchase after the executive session.

“We all want to see something happen and until we take action to be the catalyst to be redevelopment for that area, nothing will happen,” Gore said. “This is going to be that beginning catalyst for Brandt Pike revitalization.”

City council will vote on the purchase, given City Manager Rob Schommer can negotiate an agreeable price, at Monday’s meeting, Gore said.

The city plans to buy the portion of the shopping center, not including the Sit, Stay, N’ Play Dog Park, that is closest to the land Premier Health owns on Brandt Pike.

The city of Huber Heights considered buying parts of the Marian Shopping Center in 2019 for \$2.8 million, according to documents obtained by the

Dayton Daily News through a public records request. The city even put down \$20,000 of "earnest money," but the deal did not come to fruition.

The current owner of the shopping center is Zeus Shopping Center Inc., according to the documents obtained.

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