



# *Township of Egg Harbor*

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### **Egg Harbor Township Enters Agreement to Purchase Two West Atlantic City Motels**

During the summer of 2009 the Township adopted the Redevelopment Plan for West Atlantic City. The adoption of the plan was a result of twenty years of planning, negotiations and meetings with various governmental agencies to reach the ability to adopt a redevelopment plan to transform West Atlantic City.

A component of the Redevelopment Plan was the acquisition of the obsolete motor court motels on the north side of the Black Horse Pike. These motels, in addition to being decrepit, so often were the location of arrests for prostitution and drugs over the years.

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, Mayor McCullough announced the Township had reached an agreement to purchase the Golden Key Motel and Star Motel with the property. Mayor McCullough said "the Township Committee promised the residents of Egg Harbor Township, specifically those that live in West Atlantic City, that they would move to eliminate these blighted motels from West Atlantic City." The Township Committee at their meeting of November 13, 2013 introduced ordinances to purchase these properties. The public hearing on these ordinances are scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2013.

Mayor McCullough stated, "this day has been long in the making, the redevelopment of West Atlantic City, where I was born, has always been a priority of mine."

The Township is currently negotiating with several other motel owners. Mayor McCullough said, "he is extremely optimistic that the Township will amicably enter into agreement before the year is over."

Funding for the acquisition for these properties has been provided to the Township through a grant from the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.

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