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Fire Alarm & Telegraph restoration clears hurdle in Worcester

WORCESTER — The City Council has unanimously given City Manager Michael V. O'Brien the green light to file special legislation needed to facilitate the restoration and redevelopment of the historic Fire Alarm & Telegraph Building in Elm Park by a private developer.

The legislation will enable the city to dispose of the building and lease the grounds of the Fire Alarm & Telegraph property, at 230 Park Ave. The plan is to transfer at no cost the city-owned 6,735-square-foot, two-story brick building to Spencer Savings Bank, which would restore it while meeting all historic standards.

Spencer Savings would establish a retail banking office on the building's second floor. Meanwhile, Preservation Worcester would lease most of the first floor, which would contain community space and related amenities. Preservation Worcester would also manage the spaces in the building for community use.