City Hall and Police Department Project: Construction*
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During the week of November 15, crews continued selective demolition and historic-material salvage throughout the building, advanced basement and elevator-area demolition, decommissioned the existing elevator, and coordinated access to the roof for abatement work.

Tree Protection

The city conducted an arborist inspection following concerns about root damage caused by utility trenching near an existing tree. The inspection identified damage to multiple large roots and determined that required arborist oversight during excavation within the tree protection zone had not been followed. The city has since reinforced expectations with the construction management team regarding tree protection requirements, contractor compliance, and oversight of work within designated protection zones.

This information was provided to the external project team: "*Once we establish a tree protection zone, nothing should occur within this area. The fences should go up and not be modified to make things easier for contractors. If there is a need to make a change or do something within the tree protection zone that has not been approved as part of the site plan process, staff should be made aware and given the opportunity to review for any concerns or suggested changes.*"

Work Underway

Interior Demolition:

Crews continued selective demolition and removal of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing components in the basement and on upper floors that will not be reused. Miscellaneous concrete and masonry demolition in the basement was completed.

Historic Material Salvage:

Doors, windows, trim, millwork, brick, and other selected materials continue to be carefully removed, inventoried, and stored for possible reuse.

Elevator and Basement Work:

The existing elevator was taken out of service, and work continued near the elevator pit and entry lobby in preparation for future structural work.

Roof Work:

Roof asbestos mitigation and temporary dry-in work were sequenced to limit weather exposure.

What's Coming Up

Major Demolition and Structural Preparation:

Crews plan to begin removal of the existing elevator, continue demolition of the north pool building with brick salvage, and continue selective demolition throughout the 201 building. Excavation near the new elevator pit will also continue in preparation for upcoming structural masonry work.

Current Safety and Environmental Work

Regular safety inspections, weekly safety meetings, site orientations, air monitoring, and lead-exposure controls remain in place during demolition. Additional asbestos testing is being coordinated for existing equipment that must be removed.

What Residents May Notice

People near the project may notice increased demolition activity, construction vehicles, noise, and dust-control equipment. Utility crews may also be working around the site as fiber and gas services are disconnected. Short-term traffic controls or brief access changes may be used when needed.

Please use caution near the construction area and watch for construction vehicles, temporary traffic controls, and posted signs.

***Project Status Disclaimer:** Following the conclusion of litigation and the court's ruling, the Police Department project is currently on hold while the city evaluates its options and determines an appropriate path forward. City Council will discuss the matter in executive session. The City Hall project continues to progress.