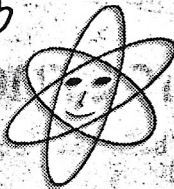


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Why did City Council give away their interest in property valued at approximately \$40 million, which was part of the Department of Energy's self-sufficiency plan for Oak Ridge?

City Manager Paul Boyer said the release of the self-sufficiency claim the city held on Parcel ED-1, known as the Horizon Center, was because the city never held formal interest in the parcel or any DOE parcels identified as self-sufficiency parcels. Boyer said the parcels were used as reference tools when discussing potential excess declarations by DOE or the transfer of excess property to the city.

He said he recommended releasing the self-sufficiency claim for three reasons: the \$9.5 million investment already made by the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee, the organization DOE leases the Horizon Center to; the property could only be transferred to the city with the CROET lease in place; and transfer of the property, as opposed to leasing, places the Horizon Center in a more marketable position than with only the lease option in place.

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