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City paying \$5 million for Executive Inn

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Owensboro will pay \$5 million for the Executive Inn Rivermont and raze it for future development.

Mayor Ron Payne told a 10 a.m. news conference that the city is considering keeping the convention center on the hotel's east side open for the next three years until a new one can be built.

The money for buying the hotel will come from the \$7.5 million in the downtown master plan that was to be used for a parking garage

That money should also pay for demolition of the 600-plus-room hotel, he said.

Payne said the 17 acres around the hotel can be used for surface parking for now and the county is trying to secure funding to add more floors to the new Green River Intra County Transit System parking garage across Second Street.

Fred Reeves, downtown development director, said the Gateway Planning Group of Fort Worth, Texas, which did the city's downtown master plan, will work with the community on possible uses for the property.

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