

## Detroit City Council OKs Tiger Stadium Demolition

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*Tiger Stadium will meet the wrecking ball...*

The historic ballpark that has sat Michigan and Trumbull since 1912 saw its fate come down to a **Detroit City Council** vote on Friday, with the deciding vote being 5-4, thus handing control of the ballpark over to the **Detroit Economic Development Corporation (DEDC)**.

**Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick** has sought to demolition nearly all of stadium and replace it with mixed-use development.

The vote took an interesting twist when Hall of Fame broadcaster **Ernie Harwell** came into the picture when he asked the council to postpone the vote till September when they are scheduled to come back from their summer break. As [reported by the AP](#)

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Harwell said he preferred a scaled-down version of the stadium that would seat 8,000 to 10,000 people and be used for high school baseball, soccer and lacrosse games. He also suggested a music museum to highlight the city's music heritage.

"Tiger Stadium has meant a lot to generations," Harwell said. "If we can't (save part of it), we'll have to keep Tiger Stadium in our memory, our mind and our heart, and cherish it that way."

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The vote came on the last day of the council's session before a six-week break. The vote ends decades of debate on what to do with the historic ballpark.

***Read more on Tiger Stadium's fate here on The Biz of Baseball:***

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