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Resolution No. 2014-213
September 2, 2014

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Adrian/Tecumseh SmartZone as a Satellite SmartZone to Support the 15-Year Extension of the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YPSILANTI that:

WHEREAS, The Cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti, as host cities for the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA (the "Host Cities"), separately adopted resolutions which affirmed the continuing public purpose of the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA (the "LDFA") to facilitate the development and support of new and existing technology-led businesses and expressed support for an application to the MEDC for an extension of 5 and/or 15 years;

WHEREAS, as part of their respective support for the LDFA's application for an extension of its term, the Host Cities agreed to work with the LDFA to identify and negotiate an agreement with a satellite SmartZone LDFA, which will allow the satellite SmartZone to capture local taxes in its own distinct geographic area, and which is required by law for the LDFA to qualify for a 15 year extension;

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2014, after negotiation with potential communities, and being fully advised of each of the potential communities attributes, the LDFA unanimously approved the selection of the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA for recommendation to the Host Cities as a Satellite SmartZone, citing the following criteria as the basis of their recommendation:

- *Level and likelihood of funding.*
Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA meets MEDC requirements.
- *Strategic Advantage/Complimentary to Host Communities*
Multi-jurisdictional. District includes colleges/universities. Proximity to Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti and technology/renewable energy focus
- *Attractiveness to the State*
Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA Development Plan includes agricultural technology development as a focus
- *Preparedness to move forward in the Satellite approval process*
Satellite approvals already in place.
- *History of Entrepreneurship Activity*
Adrian Innovation Center at Adrian College.

WHEREAS, a requirement of the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA's designation as a Satellite SmartZone is that the Host Cities and the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA enter into an Agreement as required under Section 12b of the Local Development Financing Act (PA 281 of 1986, as amended);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Ypsilanti accepts the recommendation of the LDFA and being fully apprised of the basis for that recommendation makes the following findings:

1. That the selection of the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA as a satellite provides unique characteristics and specialties through its public and private resources, including the

location of Adrian College, Siena Heights University, and Jackson College within its TIF District and the opportunities for research partnerships and student/young entrepreneur involvement. In addition, partnership with another multi-jurisdictional LDFA provides opportunities for shared experiences.

2. That the selection of the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA as a satellite provides regional cooperation and collaboration benefits to the LDFA and the cities of Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti with joint focuses on technology (including expanding green technologies and agricultural technology) and entrepreneurial services.
3. That the selection of the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA as a satellite provides value and support to the LDFA by strengthening existing collaboratives, making available a new/expanded technical assistance and support through its Innovation Center at Adrian College, and agricultural and manufacturing resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council of City of Ypsilanti, based on the findings stated in this Resolution and the negotiated terms of the attached Satellite Agreement, which incorporates the proposed Adrian/Tecumseh Executive Summary of its SmartZone Plan, agrees to enter into the Satellite Agreement with the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA to create a SmartZone Satellite.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute the Satellite Agreement after approval as to form by the City Attorney.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City Council of the City of Ann Arbor, the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti LDFA, and the Adrian/Tecumseh LDFA.

OFFERED BY: Council Member Robb

SUPPORTED BY: Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson

YES: 7 NO: 0 ABSENT: 0 VOTE: Carried

I do hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution 2014-213 as passed by the Ypsilanti City Council, at their meeting held on September 2, 2014.



Frances McMullan, City Clerk

