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Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to Proceed Toward Implementation of Recommended Best Practices to Receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification

In November 2013, City Council authorized a memorandum of understanding with the Michigan Department of Economic Development (MEDC) to participate in the Redevelopment Ready Communities certification process.

MEDC started the assessment process in May 2014, working with Planning staff to obtain documentation of the city's development processes, interviewing local developers about their experiences and providing no-cost best practice training to city staff.

MEDC provided the City with a report of its findings in October 2014. The Community Assessment Evaluation Findings Report evaluates the City on six redevelopment readiness best practices and provides recommendations for steps to meet them. MEDC staff presented the report findings to a joint City Council/Planning Commission work session on January 12, 2015.

Subsequent to the January working session, MEDC contacted staff about the availability of technical assistance for local site assessments. Specially, MEDC would make consultant assistance available to the City to conduct a redevelopment assessment for a high priority site, such as 415 W. Washington. The City would be eligible for this assistance after Council commitment to proceed toward implementation of the recommendations of the Findings Report.

Consistent with the memorandum of understanding, this resolution authorizes the City Administrator to proceed toward implementation of the recommendations for Redevelopment Ready Communities certification. It should be noted that if implementation of a recommendation requires ordinance changes, the proposed changes would be reviewed as any ordinance amendment would, with public hearings and Council discussion and action.

Attachment: Memorandum of Understanding - November 2013
Community Assessment Evaluation Findings Report - October 2014