



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Approve a Contract with SPARK for Business Support Services (\$75,000.00)

Attached for your review and action is a resolution to approve a contract with Ann Arbor SPARK. The contract would continue a long-standing relationship the City has had Ann Arbor SPARK, and its predecessor Washtenaw Development Council, to provide services related to the economic development of the area.

Washtenaw Development Council began providing services to the City in 1982. In 2006, Washtenaw Development Council and Ann Arbor SPARK consolidated creating one unified organization. The merger of the two organizations supports the region's mission for economic growth for all communities in Washtenaw County.

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Approved by: Steven D. Powers, City Administrator

Whereas, The City has had a long-standing relationship with the Washtenaw Development Council since 1982 to provide services related to the economic development of the area;

Whereas, Washtenaw Development Council and Ann Arbor SPARK officially consolidated the two organizations in July 2006 creating one unified organization;

Whereas, The merger of the two organizations supports the region's mission for economic growth and represents all communities in Washtenaw County;

Whereas, The services of Ann Arbor SPARK focus on building our innovation-focused community through continual proactive support of entrepreneurs, regional businesses, university tech transfer office, and networking organizations;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor SPARK received Human Rights approval on May 31, 2013 and complies with the provisions of the City's living wage ordinance; and

Whereas, Funding for services for FY2014 are budgeted within the approved budget under the City - wide Membership account in the amount of \$75,000.00.

RESOLVED, That City Council approve a one year contract in the amount of \$75,000.00 with Ann Arbor SPARK for business support services for the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014;

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized to execute the contract after approval as to substance by the City Administrator and approval as to form by the City Attorney; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator be authorized to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution.