



TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: June 5, 2023 Council Agenda Response Memo

DATE: June 1, 2023

CA-20 – Resolution to Approve an Administrative Services Agreement with the Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti SmartZone LDFA for Administrative and Support Services (\$231,000.00 over a two-year period)

Question: What are the details of the Administrative Services Agreement with LDFA (how will it be used) and is this supplemental to the LDFA contract awarded to SPARK? (Councilmember Cornell)

Response: The Administrative Services Agreement covers the services, financial management, audit, reporting, and secretarial services that the City provides in support of the LDFA Board and does not supplement the SPARK contract.

CA-23 –Resolution to Rescind Resolution R-23-008 for a Construction Contract with Enerlogics Networks, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of Solar at City Facilities and to Approve a Construction Contract with Melink Solar, LLC for the Purchase and Installation of Solar at City Facilities, and to Appropriate Necessary Funds (8 Votes Required)

Question: Could staff say more about the nature of the challenges getting the full 600kw system approved for interconnection with DTE that necessitated reducing the size of Steere Farm's solar array (from roughly 605kw of solar to 303kw)? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: DTE breaks down their applications for solar interconnection into three categories. Category 1 is for solar systems up to 20kW. Category 2 is for systems between 20kw and 150kW. And Category 3 is for anything over 150kW. Steere Farm was always going to be a Category 3 interconnection, but the initial proposed size has been flagged by DTE as problematic. We are not fully clear on why, but we are working hard to resolve the issue. As one way to help compromise, we are proposing a decrease in size at Steere Farm and a slight increase to the size of the Wheeler system to help move the project forward.