MEMORANDUM

TO: Brownfield Review Committee

FROM: Brett Lenart, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Dissolution of the Brownfield Review Committee

DATE: June 2, 2022

PROPOSED MOTION

RESOLVED, That the Ann Arbor City Council Brownfield Review Committee recommends that the City Council dissolve it.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **approving** the motion that recommends the elimination of the Brownfield Review Committee.

STAFF REPORT

In 2003, the City Council first established the Brownfield Review Committee, a sub-committee of the City Council to provide recommendations to the full City Council on proposed brownfield plans. Pursuant to the process establish by state legislation, the adoption of Brownfield Plans by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners requires approval by the local unit. This review committee has had the role of considering aspects of a proposed development project, and whether the City should be supportive of the proposed plan to provide tax increment financing assistance to environmental and/or non-environmental brownfield activities.

Since the establishment of the Committee, the City Council adopted (in 2019) the Brownfield Redevelopment Policy that provides a specific framework by which City staff can evaluate, measure, and make recommendations on a proposed brownfield plan. This policy can be amended or modified as desired by Council. Elimination of the Brownfield Review Committee would remove a step in the review process, without sacrifice to the priorities established by the City Council.