

RESOLUTION #2016-60

City Council Authorizing the Implementation of Recommendations Necessary to Receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification From the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)

Purpose and Finding: The Albion City Council adopted Resolution 2015-24 that authorized the participation in the Redevelopment Ready Communities© (RRC) program, which is a state-wide program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) that certifies communities that actively engage stakeholders and plan for the future. A RRC certification signals to business owners, developers and investors that the community has removed development barriers by building deliberate, fair, and consistent processes to attract investment.

The City of Albion participated in the RRC self-evaluation of the redevelopment practices with an advisory group of local stakeholders. The results of the self-evaluation were reported to the Albion City Planning Commission on September 15, 2015.

The MEDC Report of Findings – City of Albion details each of six core areas in which the City of Albion was evaluated to determine if the City meets best practices in the areas of: Community Plans and Public Outreach; Zoning Regulations; Development Review Process; Recruitment and Education; Redevelopment Ready Sites; and Community Prosperity. The report also identifies measurable steps required in seeking Redevelopment Ready Community Certification.

It is found in the public interest for the City of Albion to move forward with implementing the recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Certification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Council Member French moved, supported by Council Member Krause, to approve the following resolution

WHEREAS, the City of Albion has engaged in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, including entering into an agreement with the MEDC in September 2015 and undergoing an evaluation of the City's redevelopment practices as reported in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Report of Findings dated August 2016; and

WHEREAS, the MEDC has developed a program for certifying Redevelopment Ready Communities and the City of Albion desires to achieve that certification by implementing best practices and recommended strategies for redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albion is currently updating its Comprehensive Plan and will utilize recommendations and technical assistance to ensure that development readiness is approximately addressed in that document; and

WHEREAS, the program includes evaluating the strong partnerships withing the Downtown Development Authority, Albion Economic Development Corporation, the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and other public, private, and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Report of Findings, the City of Albion is willing to complete the tasks as outlined, which will involve interaction with the aforementioned City Council members and boards; and

WHEREAS, certain recommendations have and will be made by the MEDC that are required in order for the City to attain Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Albion, through its City Council authorizes the implementation of recommendations made by the MEDC and that are necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification from the MEDC.

I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on September 6, 2016, in a regular session of the Albion City Council, and this is a true copy of that resolution.

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Absent 1 (Brawn)


Jill Domingo, Clerk

September 6, 2016