

CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 15-31

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
RECOMMENDATIONS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE A REDEVELOPMENT
READY COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION FROM THE MICHIGAN
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC)**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City held on August 17, 2015, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time at the City Hall.

PRESENT, Commissioners: Cinabro, Cooney, Cunningham, Miller, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

ABSENT, Commissioners: None

Recitals:

WHEREAS, the City of Kalamazoo has participated in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program, including entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the MEDC and undergoing an evaluation of the City's redevelopment practices as reported in the Redevelopment Ready Communities Assessment Report and Evaluation of Findings dated June 16, 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Kalamazoo is currently updating its Master Plan and will utilize the recommendations and technical assistance provided by the MEDC to ensure that development readiness is appropriately addressed in that document; and

WHEREAS, the program includes evaluating the partnerships with City boards and commissions related to development including the City Commission, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, after review of the Redevelopment Ready Communities Assessment Report, the City of Kalamazoo is willing to complete the tasks as outlined; and,

WHEREAS, the Assessment Report requires certain recommendations to be completed in order for the City to attain Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification:

1. Draft a public participation plan
2. Add timelines to the site plan flowchart
3. Develop a customer feedback mechanism
4. Develop a mechanism to track training needs and attendance for board and commission members
5. Develop a unified marketing strategy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan, through its City Commission, authorizes the implementation of the MEDC recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities Certification.

The above resolution was offered by Commissioner Cooney and supported by Vice Mayor Anderson.

AYES, Commissioners: Cinabro, Cooney, Cunningham, Miller, Urban, Vice Mayor Anderson, Mayor Hopewell

NAYS, Commissioners: None

ABSTAIN, Commissioners: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATE

The foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Kalamazoo at a regular meeting held on August 17, 2015. Public notice was given and the meeting was conducted in full compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267, 1976). Minutes of the meeting will be available as required by said Act.


Scott A. Borling, City Clerk