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AGENDA
REGULAR IRONWOOD CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013
Public Hearings – 5:10 P.M.
Regular Meeting - 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION: COMMISSION CHAMBER MEMORIAL BUILDING

5:10 P.M.

1. Open Public Hearing
 2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 148 W. Pewabic Street.
 3. Close Public Hearing.
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5:15 P.M.

1. Open Public Hearing.
 2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 226 W. Arch Street.
 3. Close Public Hearing.
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5:20 P.M.

1. Open Public Hearing.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 1216 Celia Street.
3. Close Public Hearing.

5:25 P.M.

1. Open Public Hearing.
 2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 507 Lake Street.
 3. Close Public Hearing.
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5:30 P.M.

- A. Regular Meeting Called to Order.
Pledge of Allegiance.
- B. Recording of the Roll.
- C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

All items with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of those items unless a Commission member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

*1) Approval of Minutes – October 14th Regular City Commission Meeting.

*2) Review and Place on File:

- a) Pat O'Donnell Civic Center Meeting Minutes of September 3rd.

- D. Approval of the Agenda.
- E. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).
- F. AUDIENCE: Elaine Erickson, Library Director.
(RE: Information on “Geek the Library”).
- G. AUDIENCE: Coleman Engineering.
(RE: Presentation on S.A.W. Grant Application).

OLD BUSINESS

- H. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 148 W. Pewabic Street.
- I. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 226 W. Arch Street.
- J. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 1216 Celia Street.
- K. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 507 Lake Street.
- L. Discuss and Consider continued action on blighted property at 319 Albany Street.
- M. Discuss and Consider Approval of Resolution #013-028 authorizing the Use of Snowmobiles on Designated City Streets and Alleyways.

NEW BUSINESS

- N. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for Entrée and Companions kitchen equipment.
- O. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for Old Word Meats butcher equipment.
- P. Discuss and Consider approving Resolution #013-027 in support of the Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative application.
- Q. Mayor's Appointment to the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center.
- R. Manager's Report.
- S. Other Matters (Three Minute Limit).
- T. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Five Minute Limit).
- U. Adjournment.

Proceedings of the Ironwood City Commission

A Regular Meeting of the Ironwood City Commission was held on October 14, 2013 at 5:30 P.M. along with a Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M. in the City Commission Chambers, Second Floor of the Municipal Memorial Building in the City of Ironwood, Michigan.

1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:25 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 124 N. Lake Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Alonen reviewed with the City Commission several pictures taken of the blighted property. No other comments were received.

3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:27 P.M.
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1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:27 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 204 E. Oak Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Alonen presented to the City Commission the cleaned up property and noted the homeowner has made an effort and is in compliance.

Mr. Duane Stone, the homeowner was present and explained to the City Commission the materials in his yard were building materials. He questioned who makes the determination whether or not they are building materials. City Manager Erickson explained to the City Commission the property owner was in compliance and they would continue to work with him. No other comments were received.

3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:29 P.M.
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1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:29 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 301 E. Oak Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Alonen addressed the City Commission regarding blighted property located at 301 E. Oak Street with the City Commission stating the property owner has covered the recycled materials with tarps. Several neighbors voiced their opinion on the blighted property stating the collecting of recycled materials has gone on for years, skunks have been seen along with other animals, and urged the City Commission to do something about the blighted property. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.
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1. Mayor Corcoran opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.
2. Public Hearing: To hear comment on a blight violation at 319 Albany Street.

Code Enforcement Officer Alonen addressed the City Commission regarding the property located 319 Albany Street. This property has had previous violations. The City Commission received a letter from the homeowner regarding their health issues. The City Commission gave the Code Enforcement Officer a copy of the letter. Further discussion of this matter took place.

3. Mayor Corcoran closed the Public Hearing at 5:32 P.M.
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- A. Mayor Corcoran called the Regular Meeting to Order at 5:32 P.M.

B. Recording of the Roll.

PRESENT: Commissioner Cayer, Semo, Shackelford, Tauer, and Mayor Corcoran.
ABSENT: None.

C. Approval of the Consent Agenda.*

- *1) Approval of Minutes – September 23rd Regular City Commission Meeting.
- *2) Review and Place on File:
 - a) Ironwood Housing Commission Meeting Minutes of August 13th.
 - b) Downtown Ironwood Development Authority Meeting Minutes of August 22nd.
- *3) Discuss and Consider scheduling a Public Hearing to discuss a Blighted Property at 148 W. Pewabic Street for Monday, October 28, 2013 at 5:10 P.M.
- *4) Approve scheduling a Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing for Monday, November 11 at 5:25 P.M. to hear a request for a variance on a rear yard setback at 850 E. Ayer Street.
- *5) Approve Resolution #013-026 Housing Rehabilitation Grant.
- *6) Approve Letter of Agreement concerning James Kolesar's Carryover of 2012-2013 vacation hours between the City of Ironwood and City of Ironwood Employees' Local 1538, Michigan Council 25 AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Shackelford to approve the amended consent agenda changing the time in item C4 from 5:25 P.M. to 6:25 P.M. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

D. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Cayer and carried to amend the agenda by adding item L1. Discuss and consider authorizing the removal of the ticket box down at the Ironwood Theatre.

E. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items on the Agenda. (Three Minute Limit).

There were none.

OLD BUSINESS

F. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 124 N. Lake Street.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to authorize the remediation of the blighted property at 124 N. Lake Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

G. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 204 E. Oak Street

No action was taken because the homeowner was currently in compliance.

H. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 301 E. Oak Street.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to authorize the remediation of the blighted property at 301 E. Oak Street. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

I. Discuss and Consider action on blighted property at 319 Albany Street.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to revisit the remediation of the property located at 319 Albany Street at their next regularly scheduled meeting in two (2) weeks.

J. Discuss and Consider approving Ordinance No. 498, Book 5 amending the Code of the City of Ironwood by Adopting the Uniform Traffic Code and the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve Ordinance No. 498, Book 5 amending the Code of the City of Ironwood by Adopting the Uniform Traffic Code and the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

K. Discuss and Consider authorize advertisement to bid for capital improvement (HVAC Improvements) for the City Centre building.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Cayer and carried to authorize advertisement to bid for capital improvement (HVAC Improvements) for the City Centre Building.

NEW BUSINESS

L1. Discuss and consider authorizing the removal of the ticket box down at the Ironwood Theatre.

Motion was made by Shackelford, seconded by Tauer and carried to authorize the removal of the ticket box at the Ironwood Theatre.

L. Discuss and Consider declaring surplus, two seized vehicles, and authorizing advertisement to bid for a 1997 Jeep Cherokee (minimum bid \$750) and a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am (minimum bid \$250).

Motion was made Tauer, seconded by Shackelford and carried to declare surplus, two seized vehicles, and authorizing advertisement to bid for a 1997 Jeep Cherokee (minimum bid \$750) and a 1997 Pontiac Grand Am (minimum bid \$250).

M. Discuss and Consider sale of City owned property located west of Easy Street and north of E. Ayer Street (Parcel #52-23-276-010) to Ottawa Forest Products in the amount of \$ 2,000.00/acre.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to sell City owned property located west of East Street and north of E. Ayer Street (Parcel #52-23-276-010) to Ottawa Forest Products in the amount of \$2,000/acre. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

N. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for 17 sets of fire turnout gear for the IPSD Fire Division.

Motion was made by Tauer, seconded by Semo and carried to authorize advertisement to bid for 17 sets of fire turnout gear for the IPSD Fire Division.

- O. Discuss and Consider approval of updated permanent Traffic Control Orders, north of Cloverland Drive.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to approve the updated permanent Traffic Control Orders, north of Cloverland Drive.

- P. Consider approval of partial payment #1 in the amount of \$263,303.23 to Arena Systems for the Pat O'Donnell Ice Skating Rink Floor.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the partial payment #1 in the amount of \$263,303.23 to Arena Systems for the Pat O'Donnell Ice Skating Rink Floor. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- Q. Consider approval of Pay Package #1 for Angelo Luppino in the amount of \$11,664.00 for the remodel of the Social Security Office.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve Pay Package #1 for Angelo Luppino in the amount of \$11,664.00 for the remodel of the Social Security Office. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- R. Discuss and Consider authorizing advertisement to bid for the removal and replacement of damaged exterior wall panels at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center (insurance claim).

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to authorize advertisement to bid for the removal and replacement of damaged exterior wall panels at the Pat O'Donnell Civic Center (insurance claim).

- S. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for 3,500 Ton of 22A Road Gravel.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to award the lowest bid to Northwood's Paving in the amount of \$6.79/ton for a total price of \$23,765.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- T. Discuss and Consider awarding bid for 4,000 Ton of Winter Street Sand.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to award the bid to Jake's Excavating in the amount of \$7.38/ton for a total price of \$29,520.00. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- U. Discuss and Consider granting a request for a "Special Event Water Rate" for the 2014 Snowmobile Olympus to be held January 3 - 12, 2014.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer to grant the request for a "Special Event Water Rate" for the 2014 Snowmobile Olympus to be held January 3-12, 2014. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- V. Discuss and Consider "Memorandum of Agreement" between the City of Ironwood and the Western UP Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency for continued participation in the Employee Assistance Program.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford to approve the "Memorandum of Agreement" between the City of Ironwood and the Western UP Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency for continued participation in the Employee Assistance Program. Unanimously passed by roll call vote.

- W. Discuss and Consider approving Snowmobile Map for the 2013 - 2014 season.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Tauer and carried to approve the Snowmobile Map for the 2013-2014 season.

X. Manager's Report.

City Manager Scott B. Erickson verbally gave the manager's report noting the following items:

- *The City Water Department is conducting the fall flushing of the municipal water system.
- *The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, November 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for absentee voter ballots.
- *The Downtown Art Place (DAP) is currently open during the week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and classes for children on Friday from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- *Mara MacKay, DAP members and a number of volunteers are working together to showcase our area as we are evaluated to house a Smithsonian traveling exhibit.
- *Coleman Engineering continues to work on the plans and specifications for the Phase III water and sewer project along US2 and north of US2.
- *Northwood's Paving will be completing a few additional utility street patches.
- *DPW staff installed landscape rock and some new trees along the municipal parking lot just west of the Memorial Building.
- *Staff continues to meet with FEMA staff regarding the recoupment of expenses associated with last springs flood.
- *The Big Springs Well Field timber sale is anticipated to begin next week.
- *Staff took a tour of some of the newer trails that have been constructed in the Ashland area to incorporate some of the design elements they have included in their trail development efforts.
- *The 213 Bonnie Street condemned property is scheduled to have the environmental work conducted on October 22nd and demolition to start on October 24th.
- *The Friends of the Library book sale is this coming weekend on Friday and Saturday.
- *City staff will be meeting next week on Monday, October 21st at 1 p.m. with Xcel Energy to continue the discussion about burying the power lines and installing aesthetically pleasing light poles along US2.
- *The "Ghouls Run At Midnight" will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2013.
- *Staff will be hosting two (2) public informational meetings to provide information on the street bond ballot question for the November Election. The public informational meetings will be Wednesday, October 16th and 30th at 5:00 p.m. at the Ironwood Memorial Building.
- *The City Comprehensive Deer Management bow hunt has had a slow start only three deer have been taken to date.
- *Halloween "Trick or Treating" has been scheduled in Ironwood for Thursday, October 31st from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Y. Other Matters (Three Minute Limit).

The City Commission welcomed DPW Supervisor Bob Richards back to the City of Ironwood.

Z. Citizens wishing to address the Commission on Items not on the Agenda (Five Minute Limit).

There were none.

AA. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Semo, seconded by Shackelford and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk

Civic Center Meeting Minutes 9/3/13

1. Meeting called to order by Metzger.
2. Roll Call—Metzger, Cayer, Justinak, Collins, Re and Mgr. Roehm present. Grotberg and Lorenson absent.
3. Changes to docket were as follows:
 - a. Addition of Rainbow Connection walk-a-thon on 9/8/13
 - b. No financials available
 - c. Change of next meeting to 10/7/13
 - i. Motion to approve new docket by Collins, 2nd by Justinak, motion approved.
4. Motion to approve minutes by Collins, 2nd by Cayer, motion approved.
5. Old Business
 - a. Discussion of Rainbow Connection walk-a-thon was held.
 - b. Discussion of Project Ice update was held.
6. New Business
 - a. Motion to write memo to the city commission to take bids for at least two weeks and sell old ice making equipment at no less than \$5,000.00 and surplus materials at a price to be determined at a later date was made by Collins, 2nd by Justinak, roll call vote was as follows: Cayer—yes, Metzger—yes, Re—yes, Justinak—yes, Collins—yes. Motion approved.
 - b. Discussion was held about the possibility to hire back Todd Lehto and was tabled to a later date.
7. No public comment.
8. Next meeting Monday 10/7/13 @ 5:00 @ Civic Center.
9. Adjournment—Motion made by Collins.

#013-028

**AMENDED
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SNOWMOBILES ON
DESIGNATED CITY STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS**

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Motor Vehicles Ordinance, Division 10, Snowmobiles (Section 30-603 (a) (5) allows operation of snowmobiles upon streets designated by resolution of the City Commission as egress and ingress routes, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission shall designate those highways, streets or alleys, under its jurisdiction, or parts or sections there, upon which the operation of snowmobiles shall be permitted. (See amended attached Map A);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission for the City of Ironwood has designated the streets on the amended attached Map A open for snowmobile use for egress and ingress purposes.

Yeas:

Nays:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

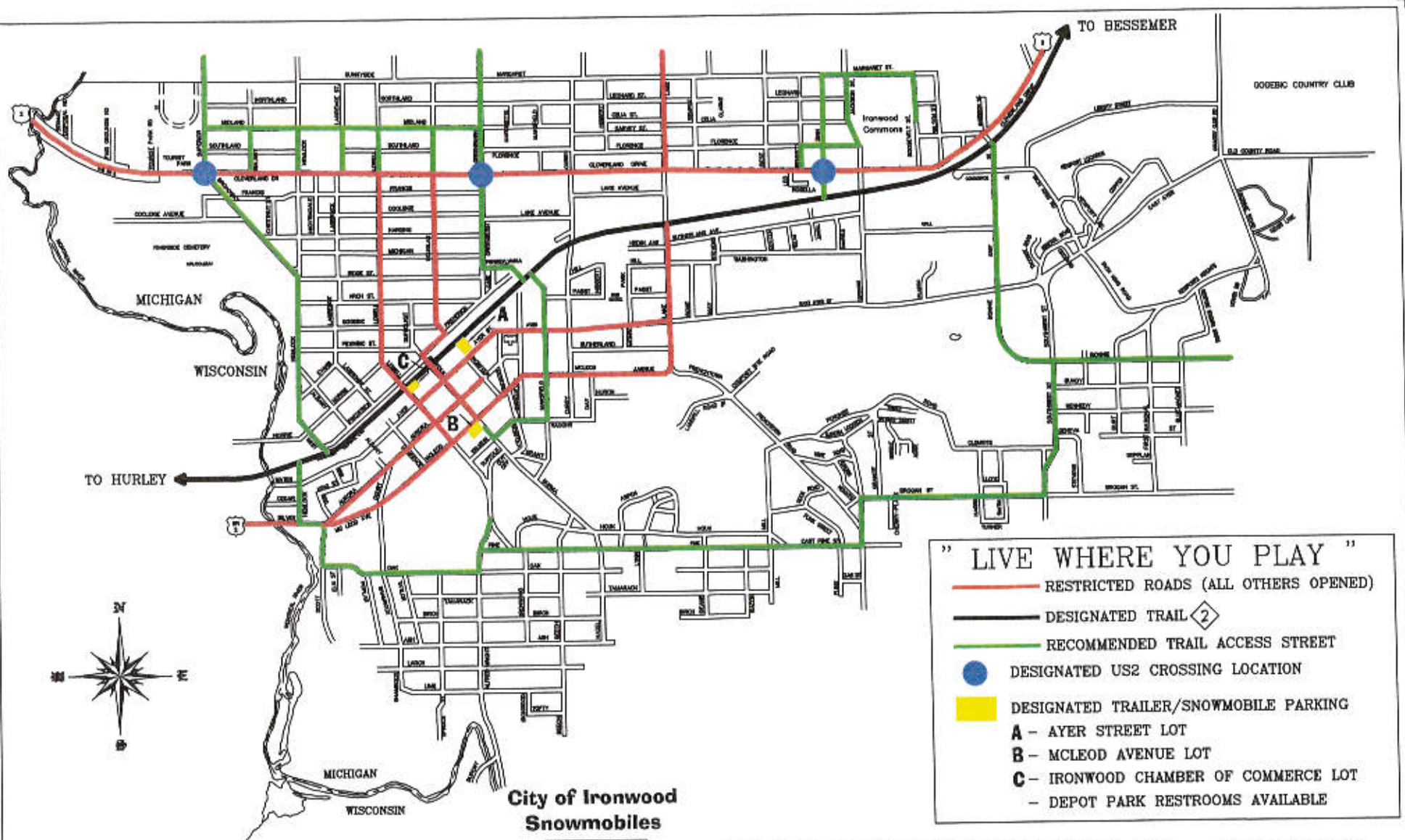
KIM CORCORAN, MAYOR

(SEAL)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City of Ironwood at a regular meeting held on 28th day of October, 2013, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

KAREN M. GULLAN, CITY CLERK

MAP "A"



" LIVE WHERE YOU PLAY "

- RESTRICTED ROADS (ALL OTHERS OPENED)
- DESIGNATED TRAIL
- RECOMMENDED TRAIL ACCESS STREET
- DESIGNATED US2 CROSSING LOCATION
- DESIGNATED TRAILER/SNOWMOBILE PARKING
- A** - AYER STREET LOT
- B** - MCLEOD AVENUE LOT
- C** - IRONWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LOT
- DEPOT PARK RESTROOMS AVAILABLE

**WELCOME TO
IRONWOOD,
MICHIGAN**

**City of Ironwood
Snowmobiles**

SPEED
LIMIT
25

Police Enforced

SNOWMOBILE MAP
ENJOY A SAFE FUN-FILLED
2013-2014 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

drawn by: J. Alonen
Date: Oct. 10, 2013



MEMO

To: Mayor Corcoran and the City Commission

From: Michael J. D. Brown, Community Development Director

Date: October 18, 2013

Meeting Date: October 28, 2013

Re: Entrée & Companions Bid Request

As you know there are still items that did not receive minimum bids for the second Entrée & Companions bid advertisement. No bids were received from the most recent bid advertisement. Therefore, staff recommends advertising for bid on the remaining items at an additional discounted rate of 5% of the original purchase price.



MEMO

To: Mayor Corcoran and the City Commission

From: Michael J. D. Brown, Community Development Director

Date: August 29, 2013

Meeting Date: September 9, 2013

Re: Old World Meats Bid Request

The City didn't receive any bids on the first bid advertisement for the Old World Meats equipment therefore staff is recommending to authorize advertisement to bid at a discounted rate of not less than 25% of the original purchase price.

Resolution 013-027

**Resolution in Support of
Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region Commission (WUPPDR)**

**Application on behalf of the
Western U.P. Michigan Prosperity Region**

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and

WHEREAS, in 2012 the State of Michigan formed a Regional Reinvention Initiative Committee to plan for improving collaboration between Michigan's Regional Planning Agencies, Work Force Development Agencies, Adult Education Providers, Economic Development Agencies, and other agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Prosperity Initiative is intended to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic development, education, workforce development, regional planning and transportation agencies, local and state government, and private business; and

WHEREAS, Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region Commission will serve our six-county area; and

WHEREAS, only Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region Commission is qualified to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Ironwood hereby supports Western Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Region Commission as the grant applicant on behalf of the Western U. P. Michigan Prosperity Region.

The following aye votes were recorded: _____

The following nay votes were recorded: _____

Kim Corcoran, Mayor

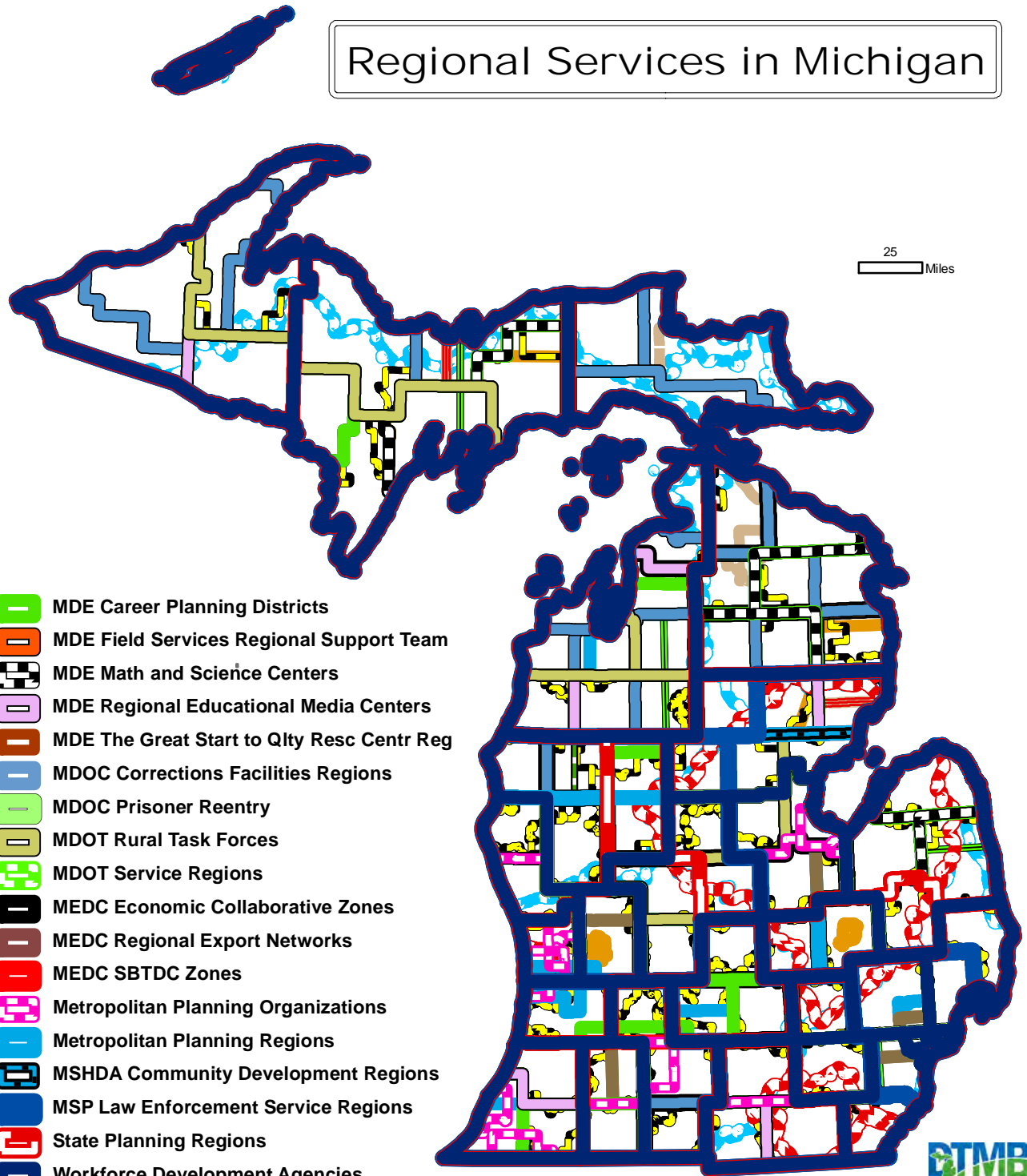
I, Karen Gullan, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Ironwood, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Ironwood at its Regular Meeting on October 21, 2013.

Karen M. Gullan, City Clerk

Regional Services in Michigan

-  DCH Area on Aging Waiver Agency
-  DCH CMH
-  DCH Emergency Preparedness Regions
-  DCH Local Partners in Health
-  DCH PIHP Regions
-  DCH Public Health Departments
-  DCH School Health Regions
-  DEQ Air Quality Division Districts
-  DEQ Water Resource Division Districts
-  DHS Child Care Licensing Areas
-  DHS Post-Adoption Resource Regions
-  DNR Fisheries Division Management Units
-  DNR Forest Management Unit Boundaries
-  DNR Forest Resources Division Districts
-  DNR Law Enforcement Division Districts
-  DNR Parks and Recreation Field Operations Districts
-  DNR Recreational Grants Management Regions
-  DNR Wildlife Division Management Regions
-  EDA Designated Economic Development Districts
-  Intermediate School Districts
-  MDARD Agricultural Dev Specialist Regions
-  MDARD Ag Environ Assist Prgm Water Stewardshp
-  MDARD Agricultural Products Districts
-  MDARD Bovine Tuberculosis Zones
-  MDARD Conservation Districts
-  MDARD Counties with Migrant Labor Housing
-  MDARD CREP Priority Watersheds
-  MDARD Dairy Inspection Regions
-  MDARD Field Veterinarians and Scientists Coverage
-  MDARD Food Inspection Regions
-  MDARD Food Service Consultation Regions
-  MDARD Forestry Assistance Program Regions
-  MDARD Nursery Districts
-  MDARD Pesticide Districts
-  MDARD Pesticide Regions
-  MDE Area Career and Technical Edu Cntr Regions

-  MDE Career Planning Districts
-  MDE Field Services Regional Support Team
-  MDE Math and Science Centers
-  MDE Regional Educational Media Centers
-  MDE The Great Start to Qlty Resc Centr Reg
-  MDOC Corrections Facilities Regions
-  MDOC Prisoner Reentry
-  MDOT Rural Task Forces
-  MDOT Service Regions
-  MEDC Economic Collaborative Zones
-  MEDC Regional Export Networks
-  MEDC SBTDC Zones
-  Metropolitan Planning Organizations
-  Metropolitan Planning Regions
-  MSHDA Community Development Regions
-  MSP Law Enforcement Service Regions
-  State Planning Regions
-  Workforce Development Agencies



REGIONAL REINVENTION

EMPOWERING LOCALS TO DRIVE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

Michigan has earned the title of America's comeback state. It's an economic success story that would not be possible without collaboration by the public, private and nonprofit sectors. Our shared accomplishments during the past two years underscore the need to work in partnership toward a common vision of economic prosperity. That's the goal of Gov. Rick Snyder's Regional Reinvention Initiative.

While Michigan's future is bright, our job creators, local governments and nonprofit leadership face stiff global competition. We must recognize that the world does not identify with local units of government, individual counties or even the entire state of Michigan. It is the uniqueness of our regions – Greater Detroit, the Traverse City region, the West Michigan shoreline, the city of Marquette region and similar corridors throughout our state – that makes the world take notice. These regions drive Michigan's economy and define its character.

Michigan has numerous regional entities, including regional planning and development organizations, metropolitan planning organizations and workforce boards. Unfortunately, they were designed in such a way that results in overlapping goals and competing priorities. Where regional collaboration is occurring, it often is cumbersome and is happening in spite of a structure that seems designed to dissuade it. Michigan needs to provide a structure that supports and encourages collaboration rather than discourages it.

A comprehensive economic development strategy can only be realized when leaders in the business development, talent development and infrastructure development communities unite in a common vision and strategy. Currently, each of these systems is struggling with a decrease in federal funding. This demands that the state and our regional providers break from the business-as-usual approach to ensure that the available resources have the greatest impact possible for job creators and residents.

No one is more aware of the challenges that lie ahead than the men and women who provide these critical services every day. The governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative is based on the principle that local citizens and their leaders – not Lansing – are best suited to determine the future of regional economies. It rejects the one-size-fits-all economic model and instead provides resources for regional private, public and nonprofit leaders to successfully determine where they want to go and what steps they can take together to get there.

It's time to unleash the energy and innovation that abound across our state. Stronger regional collaboration will drive economic investment, lead to greater quality of place and increase business and talent attraction. As we continue to reinvent Michigan, we must empower our local leaders to drive economic prosperity through regional collaboration.

THE BASICS

What is the Regional Prosperity Initiative?

The Regional Prosperity Initiative is a voluntary competitive grant process that is included in the Governor's FY 2014 Executive Budget Recommendation to encourage local private, public and non-profit partners to create vibrant regional economies.

Who is eligible to apply for grants under the Regional Prosperity Initiative?

Existing State Designated Planning Regions and Metropolitan Planning Organizations are eligible to apply for grants from the Regional Prosperity Initiative. However, they will not qualify for any funding at any level unless they are collaborating with business and non-profit representatives as well as representatives from the region's economic development organizations, workforce boards, adult education providers and the higher education community.

Why do we need a formal mechanism for regional collaboration? Why is it important?

As it stands today, many of Michigan's regions and their various public planning and service delivery entities have overlapping responsibilities yet competing visions for their economic priorities. The absence of a broad based regional vision and coordination of services create both redundancies and gaps. This creates confusion for local, state, federal, private and non-profit partners seeking to invest in a region's success. Formalizing a collaborative relationship among regional partners will allow the state, as well as private and non-profit stakeholders, to recognize local efforts and work in closer collaboration with regional decision makers throughout the state to support their efforts for economic prosperity.

DETAILS FOR DECISION-MAKERS

How will local governments benefit from the Regional Prosperity Initiative?

Currently, state officials in Lansing are tasked with trying to decipher what is in the best economic interest of

Michigan's regions. The Regional Prosperity Initiative empowers local governments within a region to better determine and affect the factors that drive economic prosperity. This initiative recognizes that local partners who are well-informed and well-resourced within regions are in a better position to make those decisions and creates the opportunity for them to do so. This formal regional collaboration always provides opportunity for shared service delivery and technical assistance for local communities from their regions. In addition, by creating a strong regional strategy for economic prosperity, local partners will be better able to compete locally in an increasingly global economy.

How will the State of Michigan benefit from the Regional Prosperity Initiative?

The Regional Prosperity Initiative will ensure that the State of Michigan is investing in the success of our regions and our economy in ways that are meaningful to the people who are working, playing and doing business there every day. This will ensure that our finite resources are being used wisely. As a result of collaborative efforts for regional prosperity, the state will also be better equipped to attract and retain talent that is so essential to remaining globally competitive. Finally, strong regions will give the state a potential new avenue by which to deliver state services that is more efficient and responsive to the needs of the regional economy.

How will the Federal government benefit from the Regional Prosperity Initiative?

As federal dollars become scarcer, our federal partners are looking for innovative states that can demonstrate collaborative efforts which are producing positive outcomes. Partners in this Initiative will be at the forefront nationally, demonstrating the ability to leverage various resources for a comprehensive economic strategy.

How will these regions ensure transparency and accountability?

All participating regions, as public bodies, will be subject to standard transparency and accountability requirements including the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Federal requirements for many of the eligible regional entities also require that they be governed by persons who are appointed by local public officials. This adds an additional element of accountability to the Regional Prosperity Initiative.

How will the progress and success of the regions be measured and reported?

Participating regions will be required to publicly post meeting materials and track progress through a publicly available dashboard that displays measurable annual goals. Grants awarded as part of the Regional Prosperity Initiative will be evaluated annually, contingent with the budget process. Metrics that are collaboratively developed will be available to ensure accountability and document progress.

How are the Regional Prosperity Initiative and the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) different?

The Regional Prosperity Initiative is aimed at empowering regional partners to develop a consensus vision and implementation plan for regional economic prosperity. EVIP is designed to allow and incent local governments to engage in collaborative efforts that will provide services in the most effective and efficient way possible. The purpose of the Regional Prosperity Initiative is much broader and focuses on economic prosperity through coordinated economic, talent and infrastructure strategies that are ongoing. It is also important to note that none of the eligible applicants for the Regional Prosperity Initiative qualify for EVIP funding.

DETAILS FOR REGIONS

Is the Regional Prosperity Initiative a state mandate?

No. The proposed Regional Prosperity Initiative is entirely voluntary. Regions benefit when they work in close collaboration with their partners toward a shared vision of economic prosperity. The Regional Prosperity Initiative is intended to provide resources to regions to empower and encourage them to do just that.

Do the requirements of the Regional Prosperity Initiative conflict with any federal program requirements?

No. The proposed Regional Prosperity Initiative actually requires that regions meet all pertinent federal program requirements currently required of each partner entity, including those required by the Economic Development Administration, Department of Transportation and Department of Labor. Better regional collaboration of federally required efforts will help partners leverage the resources available to complete this work in a way that is most beneficial for the region's purposes.

Does the Regional Prosperity Initiative require the structure for collaboration to be uniform across regions? Will all regions receive the same funding?

No. The Regional Prosperity Initiative seeks to recognize the unique needs and assets of all of our regions and avoids a "one-size fits all" approach. Regions that choose to participate in the Regional Prosperity Initiative have three options for participation with different accompanying funding levels that are outlined in the chart below:

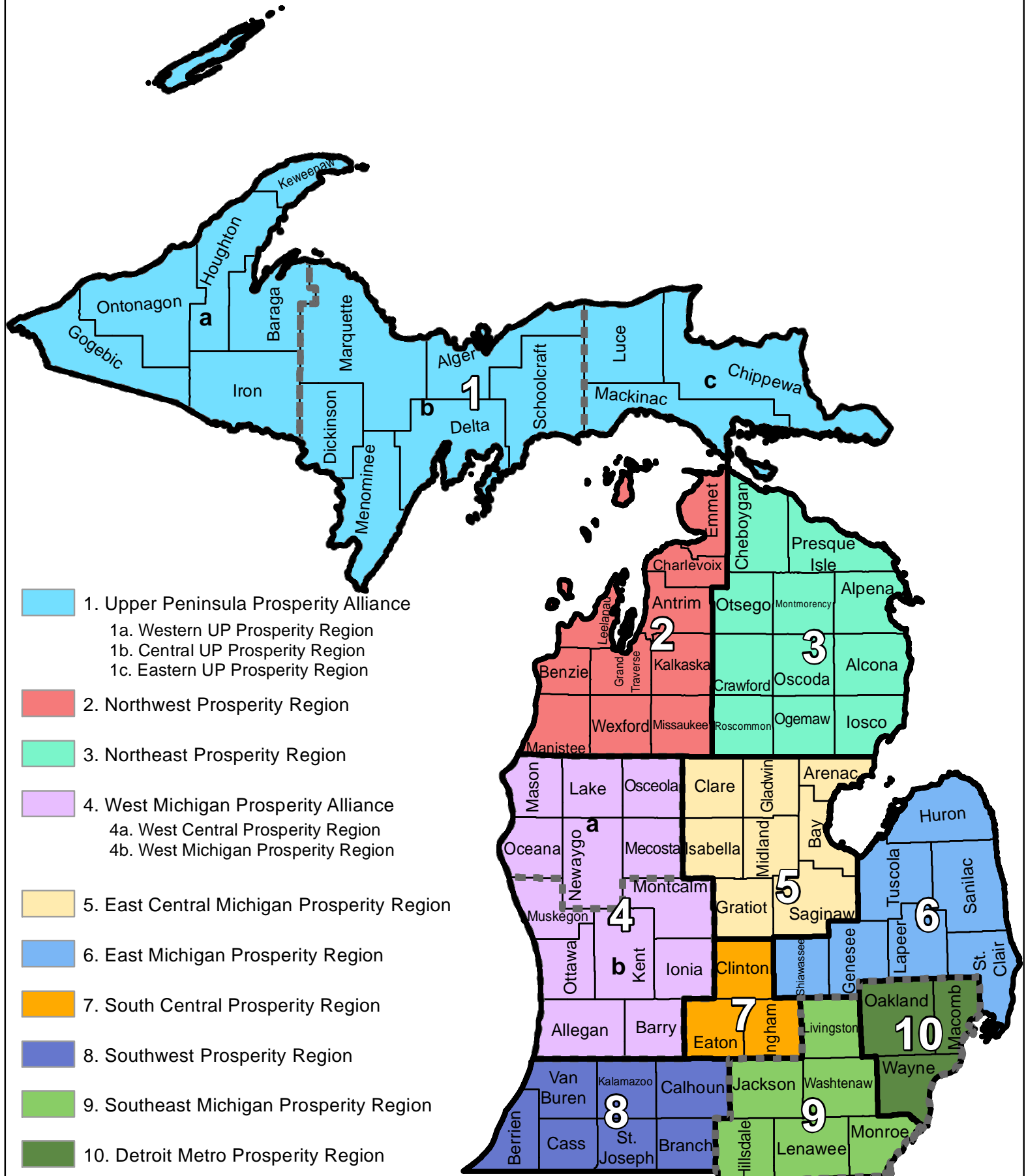
	Regional Prosperity Collaborative	Regional Prosperity Council	Regional Prosperity Board
Incentive Based Funding	Up to \$250,000	Up to \$375,000	Up to \$500,000
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Designated Planning Regions Metropolitan Planning Organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Designated Planning Regions Metropolitan Planning Organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Designated Planning Regions Metropolitan Planning Organizations
Regional Structure Description	A Regional Prosperity Collaborative is any committee currently existing or developed by a regional planning organization which serves to bring organizational representation together among the required participants (see below) from within a region for the purpose of creating a regional prosperity plan.	A Regional Prosperity Council has shared administrative services and an executive governing entity, as demonstrated by a formal local agreement(s)	A Regional Prosperity Board, at a minimum, must demonstrate the consolidation of regional metropolitan planning organization board(s), state designated regional planning agency board(s), workforce development board(s), and federally designated economic development district(s).
Required Participants	Regional private, public and non-profit representatives from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult education Workforce development Economic development, Transportation; Higher education organizations. 	Regional private, public and non-profit representatives from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult education Workforce development Economic development, Transportation; Higher education organizations. 	Regional private, public and non-profit representatives from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult education Workforce development Economic development, Transportation; Higher education organizations.
Deliverables	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A 5 year regional prosperity plan, including an economic development blueprint; and A performance dashboard and measurable annual goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A status report of the approved five-year plan A ten-year regional prosperity plan, including an economic development blueprint; and A performance dashboard with measurable annual goals A prioritized list of regional projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A status report of the approved ten-year plan Including a state report of the approved performance dashboard and measurable annual goals A regional services recommendations report outlining the prioritized list of state funded services and programs provided to the region and recommendations for state-regional partnerships to support the adopted 10 year plan
Additional Structural Requirements		The council shall identify additional opportunities for shared administrative services and decision-making among the private, public and non-profit entities within the region	The board, at a minimum, must demonstrate the consolidation of regional metropolitan planning organization board(s), state designated regional planning agency board(s), workforce development board(s), and federally designated economic development district(s).

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State of Michigan Prosperity Regions



- 1. Upper Peninsula Prosperity Alliance
 - 1a. Western UP Prosperity Region
 - 1b. Central UP Prosperity Region
 - 1c. Eastern UP Prosperity Region
- 2. Northwest Prosperity Region
- 3. Northeast Prosperity Region
- 4. West Michigan Prosperity Alliance
 - 4a. West Central Prosperity Region
 - 4b. West Michigan Prosperity Region
- 5. East Central Michigan Prosperity Region
- 6. East Michigan Prosperity Region
- 7. South Central Prosperity Region
- 8. Southwest Prosperity Region
- 9. Southeast Michigan Prosperity Region
- 10. Detroit Metro Prosperity Region

Service Delivery Regions

Regional Prosperity Initiative

Fiscal Year 2014: Relevant Boilerplate

The legislature included boilerplate language to guide the Regional Prosperity Initiative. This boilerplate section, Section 890 of 2013 Public Act 59, establishes many of the requirements of the program and gives the Department of Technology, Management and Budget the authority to implement an application process and method for grant distribution. The full text of this boilerplate section is as follows:

Sec. 890. (1) The funds appropriated in part 1 for the regional prosperity initiative are to be used as grants to eligible regional planning organizations qualifying for funding as a regional prosperity collaborative, a regional prosperity council, or a regional prosperity board. A regional planning organization may not qualify for funding under more than 1 category in the same state fiscal year. An eligible regional planning organization is defined under any of the following:

- (a) An existing regional planning commission pursuant to 1945 PA 281, MCL 125.11 to 125.25.
- (b) An existing regional economic development commission pursuant to 1966 PA 46, MCL 125.1231 to 125.1237.
- (c) An existing metropolitan area council pursuant to 1989 PA 292, MCL 124.651 to 124.729.
- (d) A Michigan metropolitan planning organization pursuant to the moving ahead for progress in the 21st century act, Public Law 112-141.

(2) Regional planning organizations may qualify to receive not more than \$250,000.00 of incentive based funding as a regional prosperity collaborative subject to meeting all of the following requirements:

- (a) The existence or formation of a regional prosperity collaborative, defined as any committee developed by a regional planning organization which serves to bring organizational representation together from private, public, and nonprofit entities within a region for the purpose of creating a phase one: regional prosperity plan, as follows:
 - (i) The collaborative must include regional representatives from adult education, workforce development, economic development, transportation, and higher education organizations.
 - (ii) The phase one: regional prosperity plan is required, at a minimum, to include a 5-year economic development blueprint for the region, a performance dashboard and measurable annual goals.
 - (iii) The 5-year economic development blueprint must include plans related to regional planning of adult education, workforce development, economic development, transportation, and higher education.
 - (iv) The regional prosperity collaborative shall adopt its phase one: regional prosperity plan by a 2/3 majority vote of its members.

(b) Accountability and transparency, which requires the regional prosperity collaborative to meet the following requirements:

(i) Convene monthly meetings to consider and discuss issues leading to a common vision of economic prosperity for the region, including, but not limited to, economic development, talent, and infrastructure opportunities.

(ii) Make available on a publicly accessible Internet site by 1 or all of the regional prosperity collaborative member organizations, pertinent documents, including, but not limited to, monthly meeting agendas, minutes of monthly meetings, and the regional prosperity plan and performance dashboard.

(3) Regional planning organizations eligible to receive a payment as a regional prosperity collaborative under subsection (2) may qualify to receive a 1-time grant of not more than \$75,000.00 for feasibility and process mapping to produce a plan to transform the regional prosperity collaborative into a regional prosperity council or regional prosperity board, including necessary local formal agreements, to make recommendations that eliminate duplicative efforts and administrative functions, and to leverage resources through cooperation, collaboration, and consolidations of structures throughout the region.

(4) Regional planning organizations may qualify to receive not more than \$375,000.00 of incentive based funding as a regional prosperity council subject to meeting all of the following requirements:

(a) The formation of a regional prosperity council, defined as a regional body with representation from private, public, and nonprofit entities with shared administrative services and an executive governing entity, as demonstrated by a formal local agreement or agreements for the purpose of creating a phase two: regional prosperity plan, as follows:

(i) The council must include regional representatives from adult education, workforce development, economic development, transportation, and higher education organizations.

(ii) The council shall identify additional opportunities for shared administrative services and decision-making among the private, public, and nonprofit entities within the region and continue collaboration among regional prosperity council members, including, but not limited to, representatives from adult education providers, workforce development agencies, economic development agencies, transportation service providers, and higher education institutions.

(iii) The phase two: regional prosperity plan is required to include a status report of the approved 5-year plan and the addition of a 10-year economic development blueprint for the region, including a performance dashboard with measurable annual goals, and a prioritized list of regional projects.

(iv) The regional prosperity council shall adopt its phase two: regional prosperity plan by a 2/3 vote.

(b) Accountability and transparency, which requires the regional prosperity council to meet the following requirements:

(i) Convene monthly meetings to consider, discuss, and make business decisions on issues leading to a common vision of economic prosperity for the region, including, but not limited to, economic development, talent, and infrastructure opportunities.

(ii) Make available on a publicly accessible Internet site by 1 or all of the regional prosperity council member organizations, pertinent documents, including, but not limited to, monthly

meeting agendas, minutes of monthly meetings, local agreements pertinent to the organization and operations of the council, feasibility studies, the regional prosperity plan, and performance dashboard.

(5) Regional planning organizations eligible to receive a payment as a regional prosperity council under subsection (4) may qualify to receive a 1-time grant of not more than \$75,000.00 for feasibility and process mapping to produce a plan to transform the regional prosperity council into a regional prosperity board, including a singular private/public governance structure that comports with federal guidelines for governance under the workforce investment act, Public Law 105-220, the moving ahead for progress in the 21st century act, Public Law 112-141, the economic development administration and Appalachian regional development reform act of 1998, Public Law 105-393, and recommendations to eliminate duplicative efforts, administrative functions, and leverage resources through cooperation, collaboration, and consolidations of structures throughout the region.

(6) Regional planning organizations may qualify to receive not more than \$500,000.00 of incentive based funding as a regional prosperity board subject to meeting all of the following requirements:

(a) The formation of a regional prosperity board, defined as a regional body with representation from private, public, and nonprofit entities engaged in joint decision-making practices for the purpose of creating a phase three: regional prosperity plan, as follows:

(i) The board, at a minimum, must demonstrate the consolidation of regional metropolitan planning organization board or boards, state designated regional planning agency board or boards, workforce development board or boards, and federally designated economic development district or districts.

(ii) The board shall create a regional services recommendations report outlining the prioritized list of state funded services and programs provided to the region, and recommendations for state-regional partnerships to support the adopted regional prosperity plan.

(iii) The phase three: regional prosperity plan is required to include a status report of the approved 10-year plan.

(iv) The regional prosperity board shall adopt its phase three: regional prosperity plan by a 2/3 vote of its members.

(b) Accountability and transparency, which requires the regional prosperity board to meet the following requirements:

(i) Convene monthly meetings to consider, discuss, and make business decisions on issues leading to a common vision of economic prosperity for the region, including, but not limited to, economic development, talent, and infrastructure opportunities.

(ii) Make available on a publicly accessible Internet site by 1 or all of the regional prosperity board member organizations, pertinent documents, including, but not limited to, monthly meeting agendas, minutes of monthly meetings, local agreements pertinent to the organization and operations of the council, feasibility studies, the regional prosperity plan, performance dashboard, and the regional services recommendation report.

(7) Regional planning organizations eligible to receive a payment as a regional prosperity board under subsection (6) may qualify to receive not more than \$125,000.00, to build or enhance infrastructure or tools necessary to facilitate greater collaboration among regional prosperity board members, and to implement the regional prosperity plan projects.

(8) The department shall develop an application process and method of grant distribution for the regional prosperity initiative. Funding applications from regional planning organizations shall be due to the department by November 1, 2013. The department shall notify regional planning organizations of grant application status by January 1, 2014. The department shall ensure that processes are established to verify that qualifying regional planning organizations meet the requirements under subsections (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7), as applicable.

(9) Unexpended funds appropriated in part 1 for the regional prosperity initiative are designated as work project appropriations, and any unencumbered or unallotted funds shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year and shall be available for expenditure for regional prosperity initiative projects under this section until the projects have been completed. The following is in compliance with section 451a of the management and budget act, 1984 PA 431, MCL 18.1451a:

- (a) The purpose of the projects is to provide incentive-based grants to recipients under this section.
- (b) The projects will be accomplished by grants to qualified regional planning organizations.
- (c) The total estimated cost of all projects is \$2,500,000.00.
- (d) The estimated completion date is September 30, 2018.