

MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 - 7:00 p.m. - Council Chambers, City Hall

I. Call to Order.

II. Work Session Items.

- a.) PUBLIC COMMENTS ON WORK SESSION RELATED ITEMS.
- b.) DISCUSSION ON A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT – City Manager Thad N. Taylor.
- c.) PRESENTATION ON A PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT FROM THE MANISTEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – Stacie Bytwork, Chamber Director.
- d.) DISCUSSION ON MEDICAL MARIHUANA PROVISIONING LICENSE – City Manager Thad Taylor and Planning & Zoning Administrator Denise Blakeslee.
- e.) OTHER.

III. Adjourn.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL -MARCH 19, 2018

A regular meeting of the Manistee City Council was called to order by his honor, Mayor James Smith on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 70 Maple Street, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, James Grabowski, and Erin Pontiac.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager – Thad Taylor, City Attorney – George Saylor, City Clerk – Heather Pefley, DPW Director – Jeff Mikula, Planning & Zoning Director – Denise Blakeslee, Public Safety Director – Tim Kozal, and City Engineer – Shawn Middleton / Spicer Group.

AMEND AGENDA.

MOTION by Beaton, second by Zielinski to amend the agenda to amend item VIII. New Business b.) Consideration of The Sale of Surplus City-Owned Property Parcel 51-260-703-15 allowing action by Council on this item.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA RELATED ITEMS.

Mary Paine – 531 Broad Avenue / spoke on behalf of We the People Action Network in support of the resolution to support the Paris Climate Agreement.

Miriam Epskamp – 701 Maple Street / commented on additional impacts and opportunities that the adoption of the Paris Climate Agreement Resolution could bring to the community.

Linda Albee – 365 Lighthouse Way S./ thanked Council for consideration of the climate change resolution; urged Council to be proactive by developing and implementing an environmental plan of action.

Glenn Zaring -321 5th Street / concerned with consideration of the resolution to support climate agreement; proud of City for steps already being taken; Council is a nonpartisan political body and this is a partisan issue.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- Minutes
 - March 6, 2018 - Regular Meeting
 - March 13, 2018 - Work Session
- Financial Reports
 - Payroll February 2018
 - Invoices February 2018
- Notification Regarding Next Work Session – April 10, 2018
 - A discussion will be conducted on 2018-2019 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan; and such business as may come before the Council.

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Adoption of Council Policy 39 Mobile Food Vending failed, therefore this item received no consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT.

We the People Action Network of Northwestern Michigan, Manistee has requested Council consideration of a resolution in support of the Paris Climate Agreement. The group has requested an opportunity to discuss the issue.

MOTION by Pontiac to adopt a resolution that supports the Paris Climate Agreement and the creation of a Climate Action Plan.

MOTION failed due to lack of support.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

The City Clerk has taken action to advertise vacancies on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, Compensation Commission, Historic District Commission, PEG Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mayoral appointments require a motion, second and Council voted support. Nominations for Council appointments do not require a second. After all nominations are made, Council votes on the nominees until one nominee receives majority support.

The following applications have been received:

*Incumbent

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION - Four vacancies, one term ending 2/28/20, three terms ending 2/28/21. Applicants must be City residents. Council appointment.

Richard Albee, 365 Lighthouse Way South
Catherine Zaring, 321 Fifth Street
Aaron Bennett, 520 Fourth Street*

Goodspeed nominated Richard Albee, 365 Lighthouse Way South to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 2/28/21.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

Goodspeed nominated Catherine Zaring, 321 Fifth Street to the Historic District Commission for a term ending 2/28/21.

With a roll call vote this motion passed unanimously.

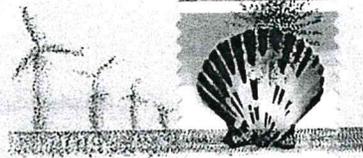
AYES: Cooper, Beaton, Zielinski, Goodspeed, Smith, Grabowski, and Pontiac

NAYS: None

Manistee City Council,

I urge you to adopt the resolution to support the Paris Climate Agreement. The stakes are high for us in Manistee as well as across the world. I ask you on the council to explore ways to reduce the carbon emissions that are contributing to climate change on a massive scale.

Thank you, Dency Lippert
550 Bryant Ave, Manistee



Manistee City Council
70 Maple St.
Manistee, MI
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**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANISTEE
SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT.**

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by the emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, documented impacts of global warming include but are not limited to: increased extreme weather events including flooding, which the EPA predicts to be a major factor affecting Michigan; other adverse impacts on ecosystems, demographic patterns and economic value claims; and

WHEREAS, responding to climate change provides communities access to first mover advantages in the range of products and services and know-how that transitioning to a climate compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, regardless of one's beliefs in climate change, 194 countries have committed to policies that will increase reliance on renewable energy sources that Michigan residents are well-qualified to provide, thereby creating economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Climate Agreement resulted in a commitment by almost every national to take action to enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees Celsius in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Manistee, Michigan:

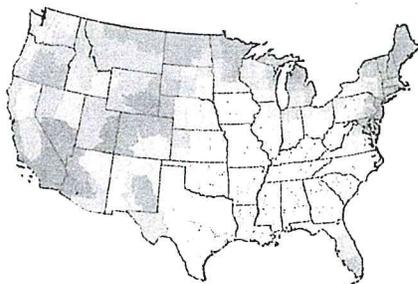
1. Indicates its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through implementation of a Climate Action Plan, specifically targeting flooding and the water quality risks associated with flooding that would adversely impact Manistee's vibrant tourism industry; and
2. Joins other U.S. cities and corporations in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
3. Commits to exploring potential economic benefits and opportunities arising from adoption of policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

What Climate Change Means for Michigan

Michigan's climate is changing. Most of the state has warmed two to three degrees (F) in the last century. Heavy rainstorms are becoming more frequent, and ice cover on the Great Lakes is forming later or melting sooner. In the coming decades, the state will have more extremely hot days, which may harm public health in urban areas and corn harvests in rural areas.

Our climate is changing because the earth is warming. People have increased the amount of carbon dioxide in the air by 40 percent since the late 1700s. Other heat-trapping greenhouse gases are also increasing. These gases have warmed the surface and lower atmosphere of our planet about one degree during the last 50 years. Evaporation increases as the atmosphere warms, which increases humidity, average rainfall, and the frequency of heavy rainstorms in many places—but contributes to drought in others.

Greenhouse gases are also changing the world's oceans and ice cover. Carbon dioxide reacts with water to form carbonic acid, so the oceans are becoming more acidic. The surface of the ocean has also warmed about one degree during the last 80 years. Although warmer temperatures cause sea level to rise, the impact on water levels in the Great Lakes is not yet known. Warmer air also melts ice and snow earlier in spring.



Temperature change (°F):
-1 0 0.5 1 1.5 2 2.5 3 3.5

Rising temperatures in the last century. Northern Michigan has warmed more than southern Michigan. Source: EPA, Climate Change Indicators in the United States.

Heavy Precipitation and Flooding

Changing the climate is likely to increase the frequency of floods in Michigan. Over the last half century, average annual precipitation in most of the Midwest has increased by 5 to 10 percent. But rainfall during the four wettest days of the year has increased about 35 percent. During the next century, spring rainfall and annual precipitation are likely to increase, and severe rainstorms are likely to intensify. Each of these factors will tend to further increase the risk of flooding.



Heavy rains and snowmelt flooded the Tittabawassee River in Midland in April 2015. Credit: City of Midland.

Great Lakes

Changing the climate is likely to harm water quality in Lake Erie and Lake Michigan. Warmer water tends to cause more algal blooms, which can be unsightly, harm fish, and degrade water quality. During August 2014, an algal bloom in Lake Erie prompted the Monroe County Health Department to advise residents in four townships to avoid using tap water for cooking and drinking. Severe storms increase the amount of pollutants that run off from land to water, so the risk of algal blooms will be greater if storms become more severe. Severe rainstorms can also cause sewers to overflow into lakes and rivers, which can threaten beach safety and drinking water supplies. For example, heavy rains in August 2014 led to nearly 10 billion gallons of sewer overflows in southeastern Michigan, much of which ended up in Lake St. Clair and eventually Lake Erie. More severe rainstorms could also cause sewers in Milwaukee and Chicago to overflow into Lake Michigan more often, which could pollute beaches in Michigan.

One advantage of climate change is that warmer winters reduce the number of days that ice prevents navigation. Between 1994 and 2011, the decline in ice cover lengthened the shipping season on the Great Lakes by eight days. The lakes are likely to warm another 3° to 7°F in the next 70 years, which will further extend the shipping season.



Ice forming on Lake Michigan near St. Joseph. Credit: M. McCormick, NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory.

Winter Recreation

Warmer winters are likely to shorten the season for recreational activities like ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowboarding, and skiing, which could harm the local economies that depend on them. Small lakes are freezing later and thawing earlier than a century ago, which shortens the season for ice fishing and ice skating. Since the early 1970s, winter ice coverage in the Great Lakes has decreased by 63 percent. Warmer temperatures are likely to shorten the season when the ground is covered by snow, and thereby shorten the season for activities that take place on snow. Nevertheless, annual snowfall has increased in much of the Great Lakes region, which could benefit winter recreation at certain times and locations.

Ecosystems

The ranges of plants and animals are likely to as the climate changes. For example, warmer weather could change the composition of Michigan's forests. As the climate warms, the population of paper birch, quaking aspen, balsam fir, and black spruce may decline in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula, while oak, hickory, and pine trees may become more numerous. Climate change will also transform fish habitat. Rising water temperatures will increase the available habitat for warmwater fish such as bass, while shrinking the available habitat for coldwater fish such as trout. Declining ice cover and increasingly severe storms would harm both types of fish habitat through erosion and flooding.

Warming could also harm ecosystems by changing the timing of natural processes such as migration, reproduction, and flower blooming. Migratory birds are arriving in the Midwest earlier in spring today than 40 years ago. Along with range shifts, changes in timing can disrupt the intricate web of relationships between animals and their food sources and between plants and pollinators. Because not all species adjust to climate change in the same way, the food that one species eats may no longer be available when that species needs it (for example, when migrating birds arrive). Some types of animals may no longer be able to find enough food.

Agriculture

Changing the climate will have both beneficial and harmful effects on farming. Higher concentrations of atmospheric carbon dioxide and longer frost-free growing seasons would increase yields of wheat during an average year. But increasingly hot summers are likely to reduce yields of corn and possibly soybeans. Seventy years from now, Michigan's Lower Peninsula is likely to have 5 to 15 more days per year with temperatures above 95°F than it has today. More severe droughts or floods would also hurt crop yields.

Air Pollution and Human Health

Changing the climate can harm air quality and amplify existing threats to human health. Higher temperatures increase the formation of ground-level ozone, a pollutant that causes lung and heart problems. Ozone also harms plants. In some rural parts of Michigan, ozone levels are high enough to significantly reduce yields of soybeans and winter wheat. EPA and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality have been working to reduce ozone concentrations. As the climate changes, continued progress toward clean air will become more difficult.

Hot days can be unhealthy—even dangerous. High temperatures can cause heat stroke and dehydration, and affect people's cardiovascular and nervous systems. Northern cities like Detroit are vulnerable to heat waves, because many houses and apartments lack air conditioning, and urban areas are typically warmer than their rural surroundings. In recent decades, severe heat waves have killed hundreds of people across the Midwest. Heat stress is expected to increase as climate change brings hotter summer temperatures and more humidity. Certain people are especially vulnerable, including children, the elderly, the sick, and the poor.

The sources of information about climate and the impacts of climate change in this publication are: the national climate assessments by the U.S. Global Change Research Program, synthesis and assessment products by the U.S. Climate Change Science Program, assessment reports by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and EPA's *Climate Change Indicators in the United States*. Mention of a particular season, location, species, or any other aspect of an impact does not imply anything about the likelihood or importance of aspects that are not mentioned. For more information about climate change science, impacts, responses, and what you can do, visit EPA's Climate Change website at www.epa.gov/climatechange.

Michigan mayors vow to uphold Paris Agreement in wake of U.S. abandonment

By KATHLEEN DAVIS · JUN 2, 2017 [Story updated June 9 at 2:07 p.m.]
Michigan Radio: 91.7 FM Ann Arbor/Detroit; 104.1 FM West Michigan

In the wake of President Trump leaving the Paris Climate Agreement, several dozen mayors across the U.S. have created a coalition to uphold the goals of the accord in their own cities. Ann Arbor, Grand Rapids, and Traverse City represent Michigan on the list.

The officials are calling themselves "U.S. Climate Mayors," and they are strongly opposed to the president's policies on conservation and climate change. Outside of Michigan, the mayors of large cities like Los Angeles, Boston, and New York have signed the coalition.

Maria Carmen Lemos is a researcher at the Great Lakes Integrated Sciences and Assessments, where she's an expert on environmental policymaking. She thinks by joining the U.S. Climate Mayors, these Michigan cities are reaffirming their preexisting commitments to fighting climate change.

"I think in concrete terms, they are already engaged in a lot of action, and this is just a signal that they'll continue to be engaged in those actions," Lemos said.

Richard Rood is a professor of Climate and Space Sciences and Engineering at the University of Michigan. He thinks the U.S. pulling out of the Paris Climate Agreement has a large impact for the rest of the world.

"Withdrawing has profound effects on the United States in terms of if we're considered a reliable partner in the community of nations," Rood said. "It also isolates us and puts a barrier between the United States and being at the table when new international climate policy or economic development is negotiated."

However, he says localities have historically addressed climate change in their communities independent of the federal government.

"There are a number of coalitions of mayors and coalitions of cities that have really been the backbone of climate change activity in the United States," Rood said.

Barry Rabe, professor of public policy at the University of Michigan, agrees.

"Part of the reduction of fossil fuel use in the past few years has been due to what individual states and localities have been able to do," he says.

Lemos, Rood, and Rabe agree that it's difficult to say how Michigan will be directly impacted by the U.S. pulling out of the Paris Agreement. However, President Trump's proposed slashing of the Environmental Protection Agency budget has already raised concerns among Michigan residents. Lemos is optimistic that individuals will work harder to combat climate change in their own communities.

"On the individual level, being conscious of what we do and how we use resources, is something that's within our own decision making, no government can tell you what to do with that," Lemos said. "Getting involved in local initiatives is something that anyone can do as well."

Since the publication of this story, the following Michigan cities have also joined the agreement: Buchanan, Detroit, East Lansing, Eden Prairie, Ferndale, Flint, Hamtramck, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Royal Oak, and Ypsilanti.

Grand Rapids, Traverse City mayors pledge to fight climate change

BY ADRIAN DE NOVATO ON JUNE 3, 2017

In the aftermath of President Trump withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement, 12 Michigan mayors join a growing list of leaders from around the nation in a commitment to adopt, honor, and uphold its goals.

On Thursday, June 1st, President Donald Trump announced that the United States would begin the process of withdrawing from the Paris Climate Agreement despite bipartisan political and overwhelming public support. As a result, seven Michigan mayors bucked the president's message by lending their signatures to a pledge from the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda.

A [statement](#) from the organization reads,

As 180 US Mayors representing 51 million Americans, we will adopt, honor, and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement. We will intensify efforts to meet each of our cities' current climate goals, push for new action to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, and work together to create a 21st century clean energy economy.

We will continue to lead. We are increasing investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. We will buy and create more demand for electric cars and trucks. We will increase our efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions, create a clean energy economy, and stand for environmental justice. And if the President wants to break the promises made to our allies enshrined in the historic Paris Agreement, we'll build and strengthen relationships around the world to protect the planet from devastating climate risks. The world cannot wait — and neither will we.

Friday afternoon, Grand Rapids Mayor Rosalynn Bliss [said on Facebook](#) that she would add her signature. "This morning, I joined mayors from around the country in reaffirming our commitment to addressing climate change. As a city, we remain dedicated to getting to 100 percent renewable energy by 2025."

Traverse City Mayor Jim Carruthers also took to [Facebook on Friday to pledge his support](#) and express dismay that the United States was not honoring its agreement on climate change with international partners. "Because of the action taken today by our President, I feel it important to maintain agreements we've made with our World partners as it relates to Climate Change. I've added my name, as Mayor, joining many others across this great nation in support of those relationships. We must protect our Mother Earth."

In December, Traverse City Commissioners voted unanimously to approve a resolution outlining how the city would power all city services with renewable energy by 2020. Mayor Carruthers explained that "it seems like one of the right things to do with a changing climate and changing aspects of our energy production."

[Michigan is already feeling the effects of climate change](#) and it only looks to get worse.

Current signatories from Michigan (as of 3 a.m. June 5):

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Christopher Taylor City of Ann Arbor, MI• Mayor Brenda Hess City of Buchanan, MI• Mayor Mike Duggan City of Detroit, MI• Mayor David Coulter City of Ferndale, MI• Mayor Karen Weaver City of Flint, MI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Rosalynn Bliss City of Grand Rapids, MI• Mayor Karen Majewski City of Hamtramck, MI• Mayor William Sprague City of Lapeer, MI• Mayor Daniel Guzzi City of Rockwood, MI• Mayor Mike Fournier City of Royal Oak, MI	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Jim Carruthers Traverse City, MI• Mayor Amanda Maria Edmonds City of Ypsilanti, MI
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Michigan Climate Plans



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City Climate Action Plans and Goals

Community	Date of Plan	Energy or Climate Goal
City of Ann Arbor <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	July 2012	90% GHG reduction by 2050
City of Dearborn <u>Initial Climate Action Plan</u>	August 2012	10% GHG reduction by 2015
City of Detroit <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	Plan in Development	80% GHG reduction by 2050
City of Grand Rapids <u>Sustainability Plan 2017-2021</u>	April 2013	100% Renewables by 2025
City of Hazel Park <u>Energy Action Plan</u>	September 2012	50% GHG reduction by 2050
City of Southgate <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	September 2012	50% GHG reduction by 2050
City of Traverse City <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	February 2011	25% GHG reduction by 2012
City of Ypsilanti <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	July 2012	50% GHG reduction by 2050
Meridian Township <u>DRAFT</u>	Plan in Development	
Northport Village	U/M <u>Feasibility Study</u> , April 2016	100% Renewables

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Other Climate Action Plans and Goals

State of Michigan		
State of Michigan <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	March 2009	Recommended: 80% GHG reduction by 2050
Colleges and Universities		
Albion College <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	October 2009	Carbon neutrality by 2035
Grand Valley State University <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	January 2012	80% GHG reduction by 2050
Kalamazoo College <u>Sustainability and Climate Action Plan</u>	January 2010	25% GHG reduction by 2020
Michigan State University <u>Energy Transition Plan</u>	January 2012	60% GHG reduction by 2030 and 100% clean energy transition
University of Michigan <u>Ann Arbor Climate Action Plan</u>	April 2011	25% GHG reduction by 2025 and <u>Sustainability Goals</u>
Wayne State University <u>Strategic Energy Plan</u>	September 2010	<u>Carbon neutrality by 2030</u>
Western Michigan University <u>Climate Action Plan</u>	April 2012	Climate neutrality by 2065
Military Bases		
Michigan Army National Guard <u>Fort Custer, Camp Grayling, and Selfridge Air Bases</u>	June 2016	Camp Grayling <u>Net Zero Energy</u> by 2017 (100% RE)

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Climate Adaptation Plans

Community	Plan
Alger County	<u>Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Plan</u>
Beaver Island	<u>Resilient Beaver Island</u>
Cities of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph	<u>Adapting to Climate Change and Variability and Resilient St. Joseph</u>
City of Grand Haven and Grand Haven Charter Township	<u>Resilient Grand Haven</u>
City of Grand Rapids	<u>Climate Resiliency Report</u>
City of East Jordan	<u>Resilient East Jordan</u>
City of Ludington	<u>City of Ludington Master Plan</u>
City of Holland	<u>Resilient Grand Haven</u>
Macomb County, City of St. Clair Shores	<u>Resilient Macomb/St. Clair</u>
Marquette County	<u>Lake Superior Climate Adaptation, Mitigation, and Implementation Plan</u>
Monroe County	<u>Resilient Monroe</u>
Muskegon County	<u>Muskegon County Sustainability Plan</u>

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Master Plans and Other Plans with Sustainability Goals

City or County	Plans
Auburn Hills, Rochester, and Rochester Hills	<u>Tri-City Sustainability Partnership</u>
Cities of Berkley, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Oakland County Department of Economic Development and Public Affairs	<u>Woodward 5 Sustainability Partnership</u> <u>Oakland County Energy Management Procedures</u>
City of East Lansing	<u>Climate Sustainability Plan</u>
City of Farmington Hills	<u>2020 Vision</u>
City of Flint	<u>Master Plan for a Sustainable Flint</u>
Grand Haven	<u>Grand Haven 2016 Master Plan</u>
City of Holland	<u>Community Energy Plan</u>
City of Kalamazoo	<u>Blueprint for Action: A Sustainable Community</u>
Lake Isabella	<u>Lake Isabella Master Plan</u>
City of Lansing	<u>Design Lansing: 2012 Comprehensive Plan</u>
City of Mason	<u>City of Mason Master Plan Update</u>
Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties	<u>Mid-Michigan Program for Sustainability</u>
City of Zeeland	<u>2016 Strategic Action Plan</u>

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(SAMPLE)

FILE OF THE CITY CLERK COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 35 – 2017

INTRODUCED – JUNE 13, 2017

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL – JUNE 13, 2017

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER
SUPPORTING THE PURPOSE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF THE UNITED
NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND
SUPPORTING LANCASTER JOINING NEARLY 250 CITIES IN THE UNITED
STATES IN ADOPTING THE GOALS OF THE AGREEMENT IN COOPERATION
WITH THE MAYORS NATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION AGENDA.**

WHEREAS, consensus exists among the world's leading climate scientists that global warming caused by emissions of greenhouse gases from human activities is among the most significant problems facing the world today; and

WHEREAS, the National Climate Assessment has identified extreme precipitation, flooding, declining air quality, extremely hot days, and more as observed impacts of climate change in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster has experienced impacts from global warming including extreme weather events like increasing temperatures in the summer and more smoggy days, which have numerous negative effects on public health; and

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association gave Lancaster County an "F" for air quality in their 2017 State of the Air report, highlighting the resultant problem of asthma among Lancaster residents, particularly children; and

WHEREAS, numerous authoritative scientific bodies, including the US Global Change Research Program, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have recognized that carbon pollution created by the burning of fossil fuels is contributing to global warming; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Power Plan mandates the State of Pennsylvania to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 32 percent below 2000 levels by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster has taken significant steps in recent years toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions from City operations, including instituting a replacement program to convert the City's fleet to compressed natural gas vehicles, retrofitting lighting in municipal facilities and traffic signals to increase energy efficiency and receiving a LEED Silver rating for City Hall following completion of the renovation project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lancaster has committed to increasing the urban tree canopy from the current 28% coverage to greater than 40% in 25 years and other green infrastructure vegetation which helps reduce the amount of atmospheric CO₂ through direct carbon sequestration resulting in a total amount of reduced CO₂ equaling 34,051,155 lbs/CO₂; and

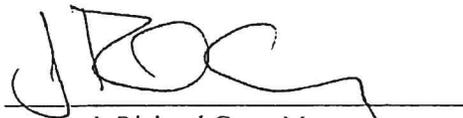
WHEREAS, responding to the climate change provides communities an opportunity to access first mover advantage in the range of products, services and know-how that transitioning to a climate-compatible future brings; and

WHEREAS, the Paris Agreement resulted in a commitment from nearly every nation on the planet to take action and enact programs to limit global temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Lancaster recognizes that leadership on climate change must come at the local level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Lancaster that the City of Lancaster:

1. Indicates its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through development and implementation of a Climate Action Plan; and
2. Joins other US cities in the Climate Mayors network in adopting and supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement; and
3. Commits to exploring the potential benefits and costs of adopting policies and programs that promote the long-term goal of greenhouse gas emissions reduction while maximizing economic and social co-benefits of such action.


J. Richard Gray, Mayor

Attest: 
Bernard W. Harris Jr., City Clerk



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April 9, 2018

Proposal for Economic Development Services

City of Manistee

Dennis P. McCarthy, Board Chair

Stacie Bytwork, President

Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce

11 Cypress Street

Manistee MI 49660



growing. sustaining. connecting.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following proposal is provided by the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce in response to the request from the Manistee City Manager, Thad Taylor.

It is our understanding that the City of Manistee has interest in partnering with the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce to provide economic development services.

Chamber of Commerce Focused Priorities for Economic Development & Growth

- Workforce Development
- Business Retention
- Business Recruitment & Infill

Positive Impacts and Deliverables to the Community

- Cultivate high-quality, impactful leaders.
- Grow the number of businesses in Manistee County, with a focus on the City.
- Network outside of the county to attract developers, investors, businesses to the area.
- Keep talent here and attract talent from elsewhere.
- Increase number of living wage jobs.
- Simplify the development process and remove barriers for investment.
- Showcase Manistee City and County in a positive way - roll out the welcome mat.
- Work closely with partners, i.e. Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Small Business Development Center, etc.
- Improve overall quality of life and foster engaged population.

State & Regional Partnerships and Collaborations

- Michigan Association of Chamber Professionals
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan Economic Development Corporation
- Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance
- West Michigan Chamber Network

QUALIFICATIONS

Over the last several years the the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce has been expanding its role in economic and workforce development as a direct result of member and community needs.

Our mission is to build a dynamic and sustainable organization to serve the Businesses, Workforce and Economic Development needs of all in Manistee County.

The Chamber has the connections, relationships and access to a large network locally and across the state, along with an active Board of Directors from multiple business sectors working towards building a thriving economy.

The Chamber has over 300 public and private businesses and organizations within our network, which increases the communication conduit to the business community.

The benefits of having the Chamber as the leader in economic development offers a simplified process for developers and investors, becoming the single point of contact regardless of the type of development.

The Chamber has identified a critical gap in economic development in three specific areas: **Workforce Development, Business Retention and Business Recruitment & Infill.**

The Chamber is providing a focused approach to these priority areas with accountability and sustainability.

GREATEST AREAS OF GROWTH & SUCCESS

Business & Career Expo

Partnership with Launch Manistee to address workforce development and engage high school students participation along with college students and the community. This partnership is in its third year and has served over **150 business, 1,500 students and over 100 volunteers.**

Attached is a recap from the 2018 event, held on 3/15/18 at the Little River Casino Resort, sponsored by: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital, West Shore Bank & West Shore Community College

Government Affairs & Legislative Advocacy

In 2017 the Chamber joined the Northern Michigan Chamber Alliance as a full partner. The Alliance is based on the premise that many legislative issues impact Northern Michigan. These issues can be addressed regionally to maximize the political influence of this **14-county chamber alliance** and its more than **7,500 members.**

Attached 2018 Legislative Priorities

Manistee Area Leadership Program

Engages community and business leaders and their staff, showcasing, educating and highlighting the area business culture.

Each year, the team selects a different community service project to give back to the community they work in. The program is in its third year, with a total so far of **37 participants**.

Attached is information about the 2018 community project, Big Day of Serving, Saturday June 9, 2018.

PAST & CONTINUED SUCCESS

Manistee National Forest Festival

- Est. in 1936
- Over \$3,000,000* brought into the County by over 25,000 visitors during the festival.
- 2.2 million in hotel revenue for the month of July, increase from 1.8 million in 2016.*

National Guard Armory

- Est. in 1950 through efforts of the Board of Commerce.

Manistee County Airport and Scheduled Air Service

- The Chamber was a leader in the development, securing of land and promotion of Manistee County Blacker Airport.
- Assisted in development of the first scheduled airline service in 1950. The airport is still operating scheduled airline service today.

The Manistee Municipal Marina

- The Tuesday Committee was formed in 1966 to combat community deterioration and juvenile delinquency and improve, beautify, promote and develop the City of Manistee in all phases. Purchase, exchange, hold, clear and improve real property and lands, establish and create playgrounds, parks and public areas. The \$50,625 Municipal Marina Property was gifted to the City of Manistee by the Board of Commerce (valued today at \$313,693).

Coast Guard Station

- In 1995, the Coast Guard Station was slated to close due to federal spending cuts, however, the Chamber assisted in successfully saving the station and a new state of the art facility was created and serves as a regional hub today.

**provided by the Manistee County Visitors Bureau*

CURRENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY

Manistee County Relocation Guide

The new guide is designed and developed to be used by human resource offices, recruitment, economic development and businesses with new hires. In addition, real estate, tourism and local government will be able to use this tool when selling the region for relocating businesses, families, workforce and more.

This guide will focus on a variety of areas that are currently not published or promoted through print or digital channels in the region. The areas of interest will be: Workforce, Education, Healthcare, Economic Development Opportunities, Chamber and Business Community News/Activity and much more.

MEET OUR TEAM

Chamber Board of Directors - Executive Committee Members

Board Chair - Dennis P. McCarthy, *Vice President of Blarney Castle Oil & Propane*

Vice Chair - Jeff Reau, *Financial Advisor, Edward Jones*

Treasurer - Sherri Wehrmeister, *Shipping & Receiving Supervisor of Packaging Corporation of America*

Secretary - Crystal Young, *Director of the Business Opportunity Center of West Shore Community College*

Our staff consists of three dedicated, qualified and passionate individuals that work and live in the City of Manistee.

Stacie Bytwork, President

Stacie is a resident of Manistee and has lived in the community for over four years and has been with the Manistee Area Chamber of Commerce since she moved to Manistee at the end of 2013 from Kalamazoo, Michigan. She worked for the Kalamazoo County Government for almost 10 years and has a Bachelor's Degree from Western Michigan University. Her husband, Troy is the government and economics teacher at Manistee High School and the head football and powerlifting coach. They have two daughters, Elia (2 years) and Rubie (5 months) and puppy, Tubby.

Dianna Wall, Event & Program Coordinator

Dianna has been a resident of Manistee for well over 30 years. She is a graduate of Brethren High School and has an Associates Degree from West Shore Community College. Dianna has worked at the Chamber of Commerce for 25 years and has been a dedicated and loyal employee. She has two children that reside and work in Manistee and 5 grandchildren that attend Manistee schools.

Jacob Bergmann, Marketing & Communication Coordinator

Jacob is a current resident of Manistee and has been with the Chamber for over two years. He is a graduate of Benzie Central High School. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Aquinas, and has come back to Northern Michigan to enjoy life here with his family. Both of Jacob's parents are residents of the City and work in the business community at Amor Sign Studios and Jackpine Business Center.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES & FUNDING

The Chamber of Commerce will provide services to the City of Manistee that are within the focused priority areas for Economic Development & Growth, with 3-5 identifiable objectives that can be mutually agreed upon. Here are several examples/ideas of services the Chamber of Commerce can provide to the City.

- 1. Main point of contact for Development within the City of Manistee, work collaboratively with DDA.**
- 2. Business Retention & Expansion (BRE) visitation program for the Manistee business community.**
- 3. Assistance to reduce number of vacant properties in the City of Manistee.**
- 4. Identify Redevelopment Ready Properties (RRC) and create a master inventory list.**
- 5. Identify and market underdeveloped properties, with a focus on high traffic areas.**
- 6. Monthly sales and marketing efforts to investors, developers and businesses.**
- 7. Serve on the Manistee Bandshell Committee and have an active role in the project.**
- 8. Schedule and host business assistance programs and trainings. (from partners such as: Small Business Development Center, Michigan Economic Development Corporation, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality).**
- 9. Host a Developer Day**

FUNDING

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking a three year commitment from the City of Manistee with a gradual increase of funding based on performance. The first year the Chamber requests \$30,000, second year \$35,000 and the third year \$40,000.

The Chamber will hire a dedicated individual to focus on the identified areas. One job created dedicated to economic development and growth will lead to others in the community.

Other funders that have been secured to date are the following, for a total of \$37,000.

- Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) three year commitment
- Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital
- Filer Credit Union
- Blarney Castle Oil & Propane

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Chamber of Commerce will provide monthly reports to the City Manager. On a quarterly basis the Chamber will present to City Council, with specific data on the service areas agreed upon. For example, number of retention visits, number of contacts with developers, etc. This will allow the Chamber to quantify that work that is being completed and keep open lines of communication with City Council, the City Manager and the taxpayers. The Chamber understands the importance of building this trust and having measurable deliverables.

An annual report will be produced on the activity for the year, progress, and deliverables. The contract will be reviewed annually to make sure both parties are happy with the results.