

MEMO

Date: 01/03/2017
To: Mayor and City Commission
From: Rebecca L. Fleury, City Manager
RE: City Manager's January 03, 2017, Agenda Report

01-2017

A proposed ordinance to rezone 1700 W. Michigan from the O-1 Office district to the C-2 General Business district.

The subject property is located on the northwest corner of W. Michigan Ave. and Sigel Ave. in the Urbandale neighborhood. The total land area of this property is approximately .521 acres and there is currently a 1,792 square foot office building on the property. This proposed ordinance would rezone 1700 W. Michigan from the O-1 Office district to the C-2 General Business district. **Introduction is Recommended**

02-2017

A proposed ordinance to adopt Ch. 1287 Urban Agriculture to address private gardening, community gardens, and urban commercial farms.

With the current ordinances not fully or adequately addressing urban agricultural practices or desires, Sprout Urban Farms sponsored a local policy and sample ordinance which was presented to the City Commission in February 2016. This policy addressed gardening, farming, and animals. Based on the initial Commission support, staff has been researching potential regulations with the intent of finding an amenable balance for all those who have expressed their opinions as well as organizing community engagement opportunities. This proposed ordinance would adopt Ch. 1287 Urban Agriculture to address private gardening, community gardens, and urban commercial farms. **Introduction is Recommended**

03-2017

A proposed ordinance to rezone Parcel 0625-38-258-0, vacant property at Riverside and I-94, from the R-1B Single Family Residential district to the C-6 Major Highway Interchange Business district.

A rezone request for an 11.88 acre parcel owned by Mr. Michael Eyde, was received in December. He is seeking approval of a zoning reclassification to C-6 Major Highway Interchange General Business district. This proposed ordinance would rezone Parcel 0625-38-258-0, vacant property at Riverside and I-94, from the R-1B Single-Family Residential district to the C-6 Major Highway Interchange Business district. A public hearing was held at the December 14, 2016, Planning Commission meeting with multiple public comments encouraging denial of the request. With a 7-1 vote, the Planning Commission recommended denial of the request. **Introduction is Not Recommended**

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A Resolution authorizing a contract with Smeal Fire Apparatus Co. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$978,000.

The City's Fire Department is in need of a fire apparatus to replace the two fire apparatus removed from service in October, 2016, due to cracked frames. This Resolution authorizes a contract with Smeal Fire Apparatus Co. in a not-to-exceed amount of \$978,000. **Approval is Recommended**

A Resolution to approve a deficit elimination plan for the W.K. Kellogg Airport Fund.

As of June 30, 2016, the W.K. Kellogg Airport Fund shows a deficit in the amount of \$5,426. The elimination will come as a result of separating accrued compensated liabilities into short term and long term. **Approval is Recommended**

A Resolution setting a Closed Session immediately following the Regular City Commission meeting on January 3, 2017.

A Closed Session is being requested pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e) to discuss a specific pending litigation to consult with the City's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City. This Resolution sets a Closed Session immediately following the Regular City Commission meeting on January 3, 2017. **Approval is Recommended**