



CITY OF ALBION CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Meetings: First and Third Mondays – 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers ♦ Second Floor ♦ 112 West Cass Street ♦ Albion, MI 49224

COUNCIL-MANAGER
GOVERNMENT

AGENDA

Monday, October 6, 2014
7:00 P.M.

Council members and other officials normally in attendance.

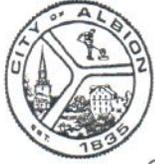
- Joseph V. Domingo
Mayor
- Maurice Barnes, Jr.
Council Member
- Lenn Reid
Council Member
- Garrett Brown
Mayor Pro Tem
- William Wheaton
Council Member
- Cheryl Krause
Council Member
- Andrew French
Council Member
- Sheryl L. Mitchell
City Manager
- Bodwin Law Office
- Jill Domingo
City Clerk

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. MOMENT OF SILENCE TO BE OBSERVED
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. ROLL CALL
- V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS
- VI. CITY MANAGER/DEPT HEAD COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS
 - A. Amy DeShon-Albion Chamber of Commerce, Appreciation of Support for Albion Staff for the Festival of the Forks
 - B. S.A.W. Grant-Jeff Wingard from Flies & Vandebrink
 - C. Absentee Ballots are Now Available For The November 4th General Election
 - D. Employee Of The Month Program
 - E. Albion Public Safety (Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts and Chili Cook-off
 - F. Welcome Reception for Sheryl Mitchell, October 10th, 2014-Ismon House, 300 S. Clinton St.
- VII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to **agenda items only** and to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper protocol and decorum is required.)
- VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)
(Items on the Consent Calendar are voted on as one unit)
 - A. Approval Regular Session Minutes – Sept. 15, 2014



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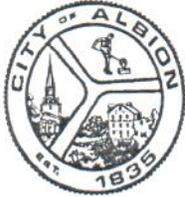
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IX. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

- A. Discussion & Request for Approval 1st Reading Ordinance # 2014-04, Finance Signature Authorization (RCV)
- B. Request for Approval for City Manager to Continue with the WB Parks & Recreation Board (VV)
- C. Request for Approval for The City Manager to Cast the Official Ballot as Recommended by the MML (RCV)
- D. Request for Approval Resolution #2014-10, To Approve Contract #2009-0239 with MDOT-State Trunkline Maintenance Contract (RCV)
- E. Schedule Study Sessions for the 2015 Budget
- F. Update on Firekeepers Grant-Council Member Reid
- G. Request for Approval to Set Halloween Trick or Treat for Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- H. Future Agenda Items
- I. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member(s) (VV)

X. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

XI. ADJOURNMENT



CITY OF ALBION
Office of the City Manager
Sheryl L. Mitchell

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MEMO

TO: Mayor and City Council
FR: Sheryl L. Mitchell, City Manager
DA: October 6, 2014
RE: Council Items

Presentations and Informational Items

- Amy DeShon from the **Albion Chamber of Commerce** will be recognizing the outstanding staff at the City of Albion for their exceptional fine service in support of the Festival of the Forks. Employees from DPW have been invited to attend.
- **S.A.W. Grant** - Jeff Wingard from Fllies & Vandebriink will be providing an update on the \$1.64 million grant for asset management of the wastewater and stormwater systems. The grant award has been announced. The contract for MDEQ is expected shortly and upon receipt will be presented to the council for acceptance.
- **Absentee Ballots** - are now available in City Hall in the Clerk's Office for the November 4th General Election.
- **Employee of the Month Program** – kicking off the monthly program to recognize our employees for outstanding customer service, positive attitudes, work performance, and initiative. Nominations can be submitted from the public or co-workers.
- **Albion Public Safety** – update on Breast Cancer Awareness T-shirts and Chili Cook-off on Friday, October 24th from 5pm-7pm at the Albion Public Safety Fire Station, 207. N. Clinton St. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 12 and under.

Items for Individual Discussion

- **Bank Signature Policy** – requesting consideration of a policy (ordinance) to designate the appropriate parties for signing checks on behalf of the City. Recommendation to have four (4) individuals designated: Mayor, City Manager, Finance Director, and City Clerk. Counsel is drafting the proposed language for the Council's consideration.



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- **Request for Approval for City Manager to Continue with the West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation Commission** – Section 1.d of the Employment Agreement stipulates that “The City Manager agrees to remain in the exclusive employ of the City, while employed in the capacity of City Manager, and shall neither accept employment nor become employed by any other employer without the prior written approval of the City Council and Mayor.” Approval is requested via a MOTION to authorize the City Manager to remain on the WB Parks and Recreation Commission until the December 31, 2014, in order to complete the process of interviewing and selecting a new director for this organization. The current director is retiring after 16 years of service.
- **Request for Approval for the City Manager to Cast the Official Ballot as Recommended by the Michigan Municipal League (MML)** – MML has submitted a ballot for this year’s Board of Directors Election for a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2015. Three (3) incumbent Directors are seeking re-election – Jason Eppler, Sue Osborn, and David Post. Seeking Council approval to cast the official ballot on their behalf.
- **Request for Approval Resolution #2014-10, to Approve Contract #2009-0239 with MDOT** – State Trunkline Maintenance Contract
- **Schedule Study Sessions for the 2015 Budget** – The Mayor and Council are respectfully requested to bring their calendars so that we can schedule the proposed budget study sessions. Suggested times are between 6:00pm – 8:00pm. If everyone could check their availability on the dates on the attached sheet.
- **Update on FireKeepers Grant** – requested by Council Member Reid.



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Your input is needed to set the budget hearing schedule. Please indicate your availability to meet on the following dates for a 2015 BUDGET STUDY SESSION. Suggested times are from 6pm-8pm.

October:

Monday, October 27 YES _____ NO _____
Thursday, October 30 YES _____ NO _____

November:

Thursday, November 6 YES _____ NO _____
Monday, November 10 YES _____ NO _____
Thursday, November 13 YES _____ NO _____
Tuesday, November 18 YES _____ NO _____
Thursday, November 20 YES _____ NO _____

December:

Tuesday, December 2 YES _____ NO _____
Thursday, December 4 YES _____ NO _____
Monday, December 8 YES _____ NO _____
Tuesday, December 9 YES _____ NO _____
Thursday, December 11 YES _____ NO _____

Suggested date for Public Hearing: Monday, December 1, 2014

Suggested date for Budget Adoption: Monday, December 15, 2014

If any other dates or times are preferred, please indicate in the space below:

NAME

Please complete and return to the City Manager.



City of Albion

Employee of the Month Program

The City of Albion is pleased to introduce its Employee of the Month Program to recognize our excellent employees who exemplify exceptional customer service, positive attitudes, and the highest standards of work performance.

Guidelines:

- Must be a full-time, part-time, or seasonal employee of the City of Albion when nominated.
- Nominations may be submitted by residents, businesses, supervisors, or co-workers.
- Nominations must be submitted by the 7th day of the following month.
- The Selection Committee will consist of the City Manager, City Clerk, Human Resources Coordinator, and Department Heads for the City of Albion.
- Nominees who have won the award in the prior twelve (12) months are excluded.
- All nominations will be submitted in writing with the name of the nominator.
- Final selection of the award will be by a majority vote of the Selection Committee.

Criteria – the following will be considered when nominating an employee for the Employee of the Month recognition:

- **Job Performance** - exhibited commitment to service and serving the citizens of Albion by going above and beyond normal duties and responsibilities.
- **Noteworthy Customer Service** – a unique experience where the public or co-workers were positively affected by the employees' actions, attitude, or demeanor.
- **Attitude** – employee demonstrates a positive and dedicated outlook.
- **Initiative** – displayed a high degree of initiative and creativity in developing or implementing new ideas/procedures that improved office efficiency and productivity.
- **Dependability** – displayed exceptional dependability and extra effort in the completion of work assignments.

Nominations – Should describe what makes the employee deserving of the award. Describe the specific incident or accomplishments that led to the nomination (300 words or less). Nominations should be submitted to:

Employee of the Month

Attn: Sheryl L. Mitchell, Albion City Manager

Mail: 112 W. Cass Street, Albion, MI 49224

Fax: 517.629.7172

Email: smitchell@cityofalbionmi.gov

For questions or additional information, contact the Office of the City Manager at 517.629.7176.

*Welcome Reception
for
Sheryl Mitchell*

*Friday, October 10, 2014
from*

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

at the Ismon House

300 S. Clinton St., Albion, MI

Please join us in welcoming Sheryl!!

City Of Albion
City Council Meeting
September 15, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joseph Domingo opened the regular session at 7:00 p.m.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Maurice Barnes (1), Lenn Reid (2), Cheryl Krause (5), Andrew French (6) and Mayor Joseph Domingo. Garrett Brown (3) and William Wheaton (4) were absent.

Administration: Sheryl Mitchell, City Manager ; Jill Domingo, City Clerk; Tom Mead, Finance Director ; Scott Kipp, Chief of Public Safety and Cullen Harkness, City Attorney.

V. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Comments were received from Council Members Barnes, Reid, Krause and French and Mayor Domingo.

A. Mayor's Youth Council Presentation

The City Manager, Vice Mayor and Mayor representatives from the Mayor's Youth Council gave a short presentation about themselves and what being on the Council meant to them.

Comments were received from Council Member French.

B. Presentation to Officers Todd Jeschke and Luis Tejada

Chief Kipp presented plaques to Officers Todd Jeschke and Luis Tejada for going above and beyond the call of duty to help a gentlemen from Minnesota with a flat tire.

VI. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

No comments were received.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR (VV)

A. Approval of Regular Session Minutes – September 2, 2014

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Consent Calendar as presented. (5-0, vv).

VIII. CITY MANAGER/DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

City Manager Mitchell thanked everyone for the warm welcome she has received. She stated that she has begun team meetings with staff and has started the budget process. We did receive the SAW grant for \$1.62 million dollars and the County has received funding for the MDOT small urban growth program which includes W. Erie St. and 29 Mile Road in Albion. She has been working on the grant for the Holland Park Project with Council Member Reid and also the updating the City's website with Council Member Brown. She stated the Dial A Ride collaboration with the City of Marshall will begin on October 1, 2014.

Comments were received from Council Members French and Barnes.

VIII. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCUSSION

A. City Manager's Agreement Revisions-Approval

City Manager Mitchell gave a brief overview of the changes to the City Manager contract regarding PTO and Administrative Time.

Comments were received from City Attorney Harkness and Mayor Domingo.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Revisions to City Managers Contract as presented. (5-0, rcv).

B. Discussion and Request for Approval –Appointment of Interim City Manager in the Absence of the City Manager. (RCV)

Comments were received from City Manager Mitchell.

French moved, Krause supported, CARRIED, to Approve Appointment of Interim City Manager in the Absence of the City Manager (Resolution # 2014-09) as presented. (5-0, rcv).

C. City Assessor Update and Request for Approval

Comments were received from Council Members French, Krause and Barnes and City Attorney Harkness.

French moved, Brown supported, CARRIED, to Approve Contract with City of Marshall for Assessing Services as presented. (5-0, rcv).

D. Austin Avenue Initiative Update

Council Member Barnes gave an overview of the Austin Avenue Initiative stating that a few of the buildings are now being worked on.

E. Albion District Library Update

Board President Paula Pheley gave a brief update on the Albion District Library. She stated they had choose a director but the candidate had turned down the offer. They will looking at other options at their next board meeting. She stated the company they are working with on finding a new director is doing so pro bono. She stated the previous director will have a court date in the next two months and the money will be replaced either with the library's insurance or through the restitution. She also stated that they are currently working on next year's budget.

Comments were received from Councilmember French.

F. Future Agenda Items

1. Council Member Reid asked for an update on the Firekeepers grant.
2. Mayor Domingo asked for an update on the SAW grant.

G. Motion to Excuse Absent Council Member (s) (VV)

-Barnes moved, French supported, CARRIED, to excuse Council Member Brown and Wheaton. (5-0, vv)

IX. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Persons addressing the City Council shall limit their comments to no more than five (5) minutes. Proper decorum is required.)

Comments were received from Betty Branche, 408 Washington, she would like to see speed limit signs put back on Austin and Eaton Streets and Officer Todd Jeschke who

stated Albion Public Safety will be selling t-shirts for breast cancer awareness at the festival.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Krause moved, French supported, CARRIED, to Adjourn the Regular Session. (5-0, vv)

Mayor Domingo adjourned Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

Date

Jill Domingo
City Clerk



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Liability & Property Pool

1675 Green Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

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to	Members of the MML Liability and Property Pool	from	Michael J. Forster, Pool Administrator
cc		date	September 10, 2014
		subject	2014 Pool Director Election

Dear Pool Member:

Enclosed is your ballot for this year's Board of Directors election. Three (3) incumbent Directors have agreed to seek re-election. You also may write in one or more candidates if you wish.

A brief biographical sketch of each candidate is provided for your review.

I hope you will affirm the work of the Nominating Committee by returning your completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope, no later than November 10. You may also submit your ballot online by going to www.mml.org. Click on *Insurance*, then *Liability and Property Pool*; the official ballot is located in the left navigation bar under *Online Forms*.

The MML Liability & Property Pool is owned and controlled by its members. Your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better are very much appreciated. Thank you again for your membership in the Pool, and for participating in the election of your governing board.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Forster
Pool Administrator

mforster@mml.org

THE CANDIDATES
Three-year terms beginning January 1, 2015

Jason Eppler, City Manager, City of Ionia



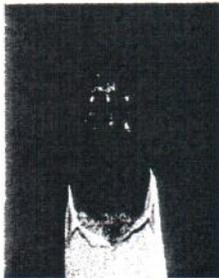
Jason has over seventeen years of experience as a municipal official, serving the last seven as the manager in Ionia. He is a member of the MML Transportation Infrastructure Committee, the International City Management Association and the Michigan Local Government Association. He also serves on the boards of the Sparrow-Ionia Hospital, its foundation, the Ionia County Chamber of Commerce and is past president of the Ionia County United Way. Jason is also a member and director of the Ionia Rotary Club and a director of the Ionia County Economic Alliance. Jason is seeking re-election to his third term.

Sue Osborn, Mayor, City of Fenton



Sue has more than twenty-nine years of experience as a municipal official, serving as the mayor in the City of Fenton for the last sixteen. She was appointed to Fenton's city council in 1985 and has been a continuous member since that time. Prior to her council service, she was a member of the Planning Commission from 1978-1985. Sue is a member of the Michigan Association of Mayors and is also active in several local and regional civic organizations. Sue is seeking election to her first term.

David Post, Village Manager, Village of Hillman



Dave has more than nineteen years of experience as a municipal official, serving as the manager in the Village of Hillman the entire nineteen years. Dave is a past member of the Michigan Municipal League Board of Trustees and several MML committees. He is currently a member of the MML Municipal Finance Committee and the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments board. Dave is also active in several local and regional civic organizations. Dave is seeking election to his first term.

Michigan Municipal League
Liability & Property Pool

OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2014

Vote for three Directors by marking the line to the left of the name for three year terms beginning January 1, 2015.

- ____ Jason Eppler, Incumbent
Manager, City of Ionia
- ____ Sue Osborn, Incumbent
Mayor, City of Fenton
- ____ Dave Post, Incumbent
Manger, Village of Hillman

Write-in Candidate

I hereby certify that:

(Municipality/Agency)

by action of its governing body, has authorized its vote to be cast for the above persons to serve as Director of the Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool.

Official Signature
Date:

**Ballot deadline:
November 10, 2014**

RESOLUTION #2014-10

TO APPROVE CONTRACT #2009-0239 WITH MDOT AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CLERK TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR THE CITY OF ALBION

HISTORY: The Michigan Department of Transportation has prepared and proffered MDOT Contract No. 2009-0239, which provides for the City of Albion to perform maintenance work on the state trunk lines and bridges within the city limits of Albion. The proffered contract is in good form and acceptable to the City of Albion. The Mayor and Clerk must sign all City contracts to make them binding on the City according to Charter Section 15.1(b).

Council member _____, supported by Council member _____, moved to approve the following resolution.

RESOLVED, that the terms of the MDOT Contract #2009-0239 are acceptable to the City of Albion and the Mayor and Clerk are directed to sign the contract on behalf of the City.

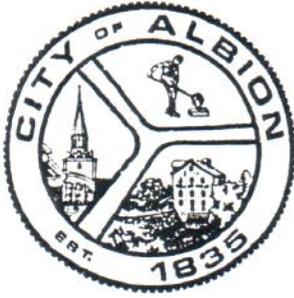
I hereby certify that the above resolution was adopted on October 6, 2014 in a regular session of the Albion City Council and this is a certified copy of that resolution.

Ayes _____

Nays _____

Absent _____

Jill Domingo, Clerk



City of Albion

William L. Rieger Municipal Building
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September 22, 2014

Tracy Bronson, Executive Director
Calhoun Conservation District
13464 Preston Drive
Marshall MI 49068

Ms. Bronson:

The City of Albion supports the water quality concerns and proposed project monitoring in the Upper and Middle Kalamazoo and St. Joseph Watersheds. Non-point source pollution has impacted and continues to impact both watersheds. Water quality monitoring in these two watersheds will help to identify existing and emerging water quality problems and help to address non-point source pollution which is the greatest factor that degrades water quality in these two watersheds. State and Federal management agencies continue to work toward alleviating the effects of non-point source pollution and increased monitoring efforts will help to determine new project locations and the impact of bmp's already implemented.

The City of Albion supports this Clean Michigan Initiative Water Quality Monitoring project by the Calhoun Conservation District and encourages the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality-Clean Michigan Initiative Grant Program to fund this innovative monitoring project. We will support the project through in-kind services such as monitoring assistance, data analyzation assistance, report distribution, and overall project guidance. Our in-kind services can be valued at a total of \$2,400.00 over the 24-month project.

Sincerely,

Sheryl L. Mitchell
City Manager

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Memorandum of Understanding entered into this 24th day of September, 2014, by and between the City of Albion ("Albion"), City of Battle Creek ("Battle Creek"), Calhoun County Treasurer Christine Schauer ("Treasurer"), and Calhoun County Land Bank Authority ("Land Bank"),

WHEREAS, the Land Bank is charged with assisting local units of government in promoting and encouraging the beneficial use of tax-reverted properties in a coordinated manner so as to foster the development of those properties and to promote economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the preparation of a Target Market Analysis ("TMA") for the cities of Albion and Battle Creek would provide valuable information to the Land Bank, the Cities and the Treasurer concerning the housing markets in both cities and would assist the Land Bank and the parties to this Agreement in carrying out their relative duties under Michigan law; and

WHEREAS, the Land Bank, in collaboration with Albion and Battle Creek, applied for and received a grant from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority ("MSHDA"), to cover a portion of the costs of obtaining a TMA; and

WHEREAS, the Land Bank, Treasurer, Albion, and Battle Creek are all contributing funds to obtain the TMA; and

WHEREAS, the Land Bank issued a Request for Proposals for a TMA which will be performed by Zimmerman/Volk Associates, Inc. ("Contractor"); and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to set forth their understanding in regard to the funding and management of the TMA preparation process;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Land Bank will enter into the contract with Contractor to create and provide the TMA. The Land Bank will have direct responsibility to manage said contract, working in collaboration and cooperation with the Cities and the Treasurer. The Executive Director of the Land Bank shall be responsible for communications with the Contractor. No one except the Land Bank shall be authorized to execute any change orders or modifications to the contract with the Contractor and the Land Bank shall not authorize any such changes or modifications without the prior written consent of the other parties to this Agreement.
2. The MSHDA grant of \$20,000 will be administered by the Land Bank and applied to the TMA project in accordance with the grant agreement. The Land Bank will be responsible for all reporting and any administration related to the grant.
3. The parties will contribute the following amounts to cover the balance of the costs relative to the preparation of the TMA: Albion - \$3,750.00; Battle Creek - \$12,500.00; Land Bank - \$9,250.00; Treasurer - \$8,000.00. Those amounts will be paid to the Calhoun County

Treasurer and the Land Bank will act as fiduciary and ensure that those funds are paid to the Contractor for the creation of the TMA.

4. The parties will work with the Contractor to create a steering committee that represents the interests of the parties and which will provide input as needed to provide direction and feedback relative to the creation of the TMA. The parties may invite other stakeholders into the process as necessary to provide input relative to that process.

5. After completion, the TMA will be made available to the parties for their use in activities relating to improving housing in the Cities and in Calhoun County.

6. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties.

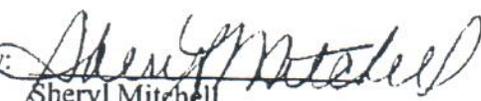
7. This Agreement sets forth the parties' complete understanding of the subject matter and may not be explained, modified or amended except in writing signed by the parties.

8. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this Agreement shall not affect the other provisions hereof, and this Agreement shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provision was omitted.

9. This Agreement shall be governed by Michigan law. Any suit arising out of this Agreement shall be filed in the Calhoun County Circuit Court, located in Calhoun County, Michigan.

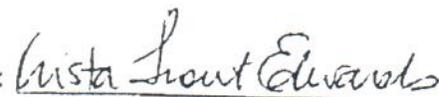
10. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original instrument, but all counterparts shall together constitute only one agreement.

City of Albion

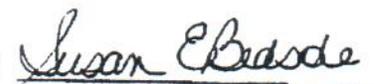
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Sheryl Mitchell
Its: City Manager

Dated: 9.19.2012

Calhoun County Land Bank Authority

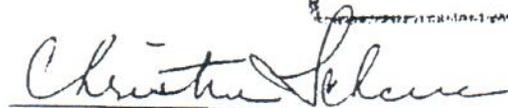
By: 
Krista Trout-Edwards
Its: Executive Director

City of Battle Creek

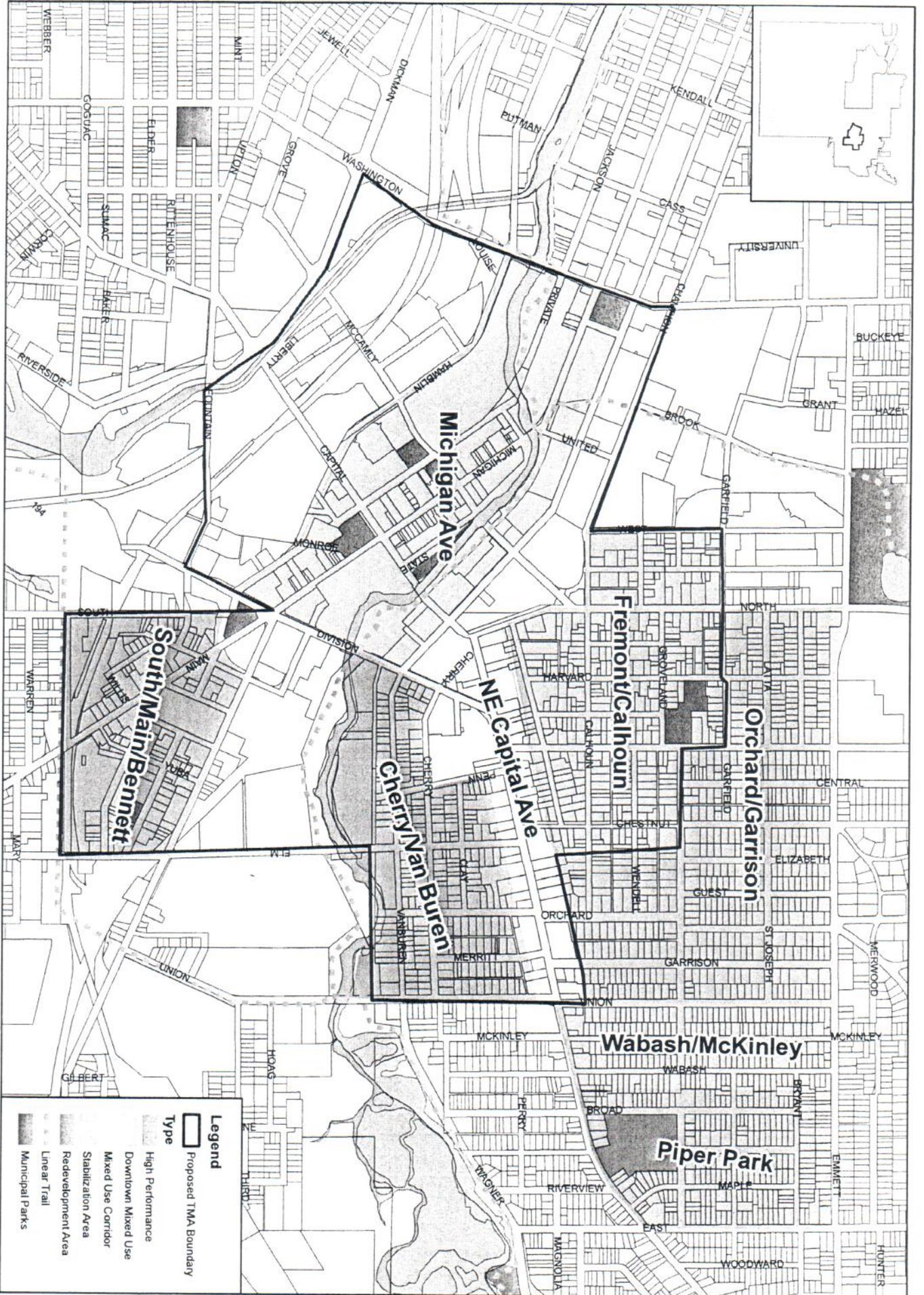
By: 
~~Susan Bledsoe~~ Bedsole
Its: Interim City Manager

Dated: 9-24-14

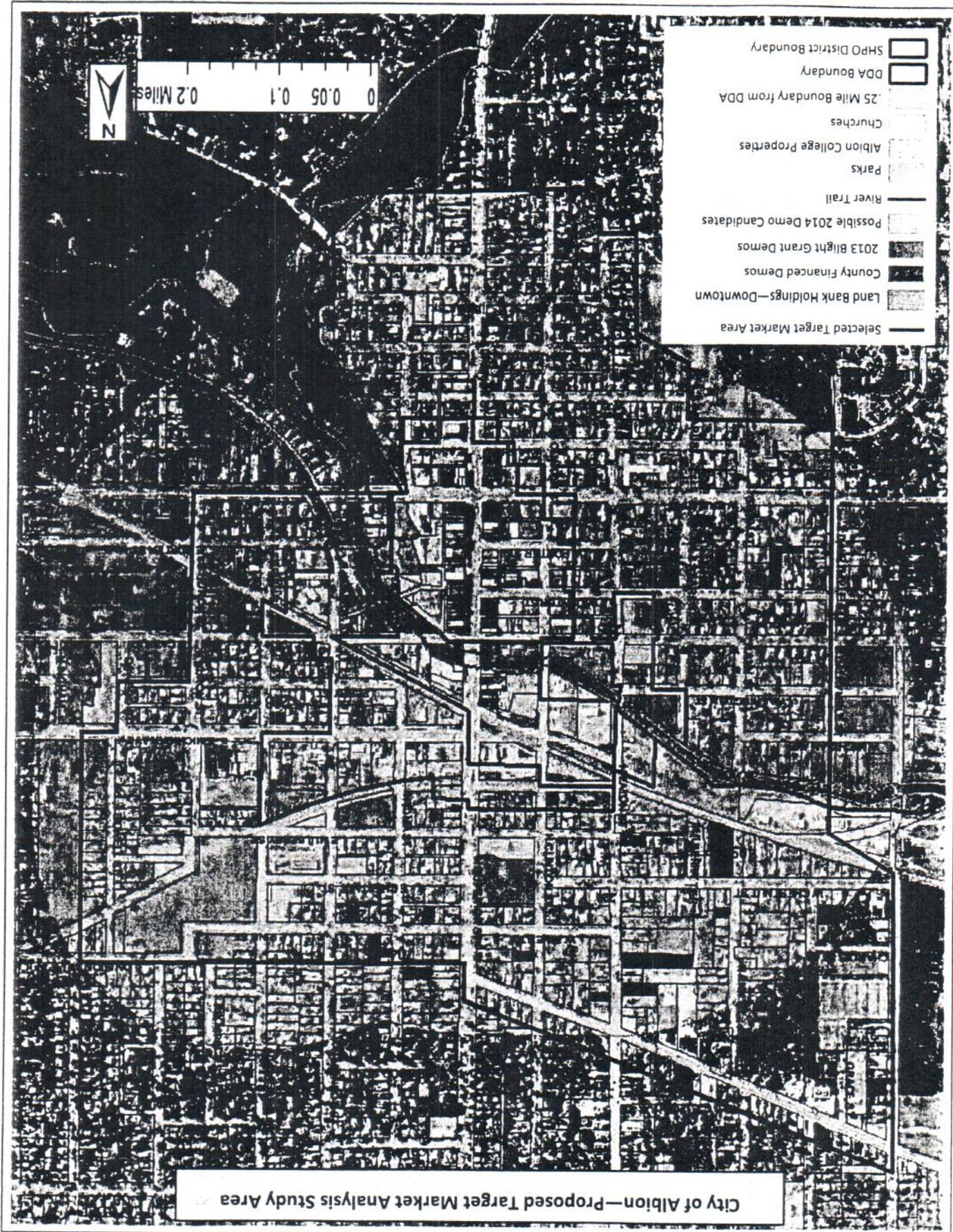
Calhoun County Treasurer

By: 
Christine Schauer
Its: Treasurer





Map of Target Market Analysis Boundary and Neighborhood Types



City of Albion—Proposed Target Market Analysis Study Area



Live it up!
in downtown
Battle Creek

DOWNTOWN TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

In 2008, the Battle Creek Downtown Transformation Project (DTI) was announced. A project with a combined \$120 million in public and private investments will reveal a new downtown, a downtown where food science, innovation and growth strategies synergize with education and urban lifestyles within a sustainable infrastructure. Take a look at the plan to-date as we reveal downtown Battle Creek as a vibrant, livable urban center based on four main pillars: Food Protection, Education, Private Investment and Streetscape Enhancements.

Eat it up Creation of the Global Food Protection Institute

The centerpiece of our food science innovation growth strategy is the Global Food Protection Institute (the Institute).

- The Institute is a global food protection resource development and collaboration network that facilitates the exchange of information, generation of new ideas, and accelerates technologies that will enhance the safety of the global food supply.
- Financial support for GFPI is provided by a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

To achieve its mission, the Institute has established the International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI), the Symposia, and the Technology Initiative.

- Since July 2009, the Training Institute has delivered training to over 2,250 food protection professionals from 49 states and is building the training infrastructure for a global integrated food safety system.
- The Symposia convene communities of action to influence food protection policies and practices.
- The Technology Initiative advances the development of novel food protection technologies which will enhance the safety of the global food supply.

Add it up Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center

The Battle Creek Math and Science Center maintains a reputation as one of the top high school math and science centers in Michigan.

Aligned with the Battle Creek innovation growth strategy, an ability to develop and attract talent becomes vital to success. In February 2011, Battle Creek Public Schools announced plans to relocate the Math and Science Center downtown to 171 W. Michigan Avenue. In November 2011, a groundbreaking ceremony took place and construction is expected to be completed before September 2013. Through collaboration with Battle Creek Public Schools, the Math and Science Center, and area educators, the exploration of the following continues:

- Enhancement of the delivery and programming of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education for all school systems in Calhoun County.
- Enhancement of facility, equipment and technology requirements.
- Ventures between the Math and Science Center and local research institutions.

Build it up Company Expansion

Kellogg Company

- In October 2009, Kellogg Company opened a \$54 million, 164,000 square-foot expansion of its W.K. Kellogg Institute for Nutritional Research, with capacity for nearly 275 additional people in the building.
- In December 2009, Kellogg Company secured a long-term lease for office space at 67 W. Michigan Avenue. The expansion of 122,500 square feet accommodates approximately 600 employees.
- \$14.5 million in building renovations, completed in October 2010 and to date has added over 60 new positions including research scientists, technicians and management.

ACHIEVEMENTS

\$87 Million in Private Investment

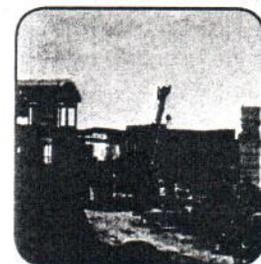
1000 Additional Jobs

475,000 sf Building Space Consumed

16 New Businesses

21 Relocations/Expansions

*Achievements To Date



The renovations of the new Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center are underway. The Center is expected to be open in September 2013.

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Build it up Renovation of Battle Creek Public Schools and St. Philip Catholic School

- Battle Creek Public Schools and St. Philip Catholic School completed campus renovations of \$60 million and \$17 million respectively, adjacent to Battle Creek's central business district.
- Collaborate with Battle Creek Area Catholic School on building acquisition and creation of shared community spaces.
- School investments catalyze improvement of the downtown fringe neighborhoods.
- Explore opportunities for shared resources among school systems to include the advanced Math and Science Center, as well as fine arts and athletic facilities.
- Collaborate with Sprout Urban Garden Initiative to cultivate downtown community garden, promoting urban agriculture through a partnership with The Haven of Rest Ministries and the Calhoun County Health Department.

Spruce it up Public Infrastructure and Visual Enhancements

The downtown infrastructure has been transformed creating a more attractive and welcoming environment. The enhancements include:

- Gateway improvements with lighting and art screen displays.
- Streetscape enhancements include custom self-watering planters and bench seating, extensive LED lighting in the sidewalks as well as street-level, additional plantings including trees and other native species as well as a new gathering space. The final streetscape design was based on public input and has an emphasis on the two rivers that flow through downtown. The streetscape enhancements will conclude in November 2012.
- Explore the feasibility of a year-round festival and events site centrally located.
- Pedestrian pathways and connectors linking to the 22-mile linear park, river and federal trail systems.
- Additional bicycle racks downtown for the convenience of commuters and recreational riders.
- Highest standards of cleanliness and public safety.
- Careful evaluation and renovation or removal of deteriorated blighted buildings combined with developing standards for façade improvement.
- Historic Preservation Fund established to help offset the costs for building restorations.
- Removal of conditions that foster illegal activities.



The new gathering location in downtown Battle Creek features a firepit, interactive water feature, a stage for intimate performances as well as additional programming and will be wi-fi enabled.

Level it up Increase the Number of University-level Classes Held Downtown

- Support the commitment made by Western Michigan University for its new MBA curriculum in the Kendall Center.
- Facilitate the transfer of ground-school aviation classes from Kalamazoo to Battle Creek.
- Explore ways to attract students from the aviation college to the downtown via reliable and regular transportation.
- Continue to solicit and support participation of institutions of higher learning including Michigan Technological University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan State University, and Albion College.

Move it up Downtown Residential Development

- Identify, assist and support private developments for market-rate residential and mixed-use developments throughout downtown.

Open it up Targeted Retail Recruitment & Combined Usage

- Recruit key businesses and venues that respond to the downtown market needs including those of students, employees, residents, and tourists.
- Utilize intelligence found in the Claritas CivicQ report for recruitment purposes.
- Since the launch of the DTI in 2008, sixteen new businesses have opened.
- In November 2011, announced Building Momentum Campaign, a campaign to increase development opportunities in vacant downtown buildings. To date, the campaign generated more than 75 inquiries, 200 building tours and six interested investors.

Dream it up Develop Pathways for Youth to Design an Urban Ecology

- Create civic youth involvement through competitive urban design.
- Enlist the support of youth groups throughout the city in urban transformation.



The Building Momentum Campaign is designed to attract developers to invest in vacant downtown buildings.

At the heart of Battle Creek is a food science, innovation-growth community with sustainable infrastructures that nurture family-friendly, healthy, and educated lifestyles.

City of Albion—Investments in Downtown Area



- Bohm Theatre (\$3.5M)
- Food Hub Site (Being Developed)
- Stoffer Plaza (\$200k)
- River Trail (\$200k)
- Rehab Grant Projects (\$200k city-wide)
- 2014 Land Bank Demo (\$9000)
- 2013 Blight Grant Demos (\$155k)
- Prior County Financed Demolitions (\$300k city-wide)
- Land Bank Holdings - Downtown
- Parks
- 25 mi Buffer from DDA Boundary
- DDA Boundary
- SHPO District Boundary



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