



## CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item B**  
**December 22, 2014**

**SUBJECT:** Approval of a Resolution authorizing the implementation of recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities® Certification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Neighborhood and Business Relations

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** 

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Redevelopment Ready Communities® (RRC) is a state-wide program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) that certifies communities who actively engage stakeholders and plan for the future. An RRC certification signals to business owners, developers and investors that the community has removed development barriers by building deliberate, fair and consistent processes to attract investment.

The City of Novi participated in the RRC evaluation of the redevelopment practices and the results were reported in the Redevelopment Ready Communities® Community Assessment Report and Evaluation Findings on July 8, 2014. The MEDC also presented the findings to City Council on August 11, 2014.

The findings report details each area that the City of Novi was evaluated on to determine if the City meets best practices and can be considered for RRC certification. In the report, items indicated with a "green" status show that best practices have been met, while "yellow" and "red" statuses indicate that additional work is required to meet best practices and therefore eligible for RRC certification. Novi overwhelmingly demonstrated best practices by scoring thirty-two "green" statuses out of forty-two evaluation criteria. The remaining ten criteria are almost evenly split between "yellow" or "red" indicators.

The areas where a deficiency was noted as compared to best practices and received a "red" status included; adopting a corridor plan, developing a public participation plan, assembling property information packages for identified sites and marketing identified redevelopment sites. Areas where the City had a best practice in place but need additional actions include, incorporating all necessary reviewers as early as possible in the site review planning processes. Also, it is recommended that city administration prioritize important redevelopment sites. City staff has met with the staff of the MEDC in the summer, and again this fall, to further clarify the standards and terminology used by the RRC for the best practices.

In efforts to follow through with the recommendations and achieve the goal of RRC certification, the City will work with MEDC, review submitted plans and ordinances, and receive technical assistance in necessary areas to demonstrate "green" status in each of the six best practice areas.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of a Resolution authorizing the implementation of recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities® Certification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

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Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Casey				
Council Member Markham				

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Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Poupard				
Council Member Wrobel				

CITY OF NOVI

COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN

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

Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall of said City on December 22, 2014, at 7 o'clock P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: Councilmembers \_\_\_\_\_

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS** ; the City of Novi has actively engaged in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities® Program, including entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with MEDC and undergoing an evaluation of the City's redevelopment practices as reported in the Redevelopment Ready Communities® Community Assessment Report and Evaluation Findings in July 2014; and,

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

**WHEREAS** ; the City of Novi is currently reviewing the Master Plan for Land Use for possible updates and will utilize recommendations and technical assistance to ensure that development readiness is appropriately identified and addressed in that document; and,

**WHEREAS** ; any of the MEDC recommendations that require ordinance changes, including those related to the review of site plans, will require public hearings, review and recommendation by the Planning Commission, and additional action by City Council.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the City Council authorizes the implementation of recommendations necessary to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities® Certification from the MEDC.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held this 22nd day of December, 2014, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting have been kept and made available to the public as required by said Act.

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Maryanne Cornelius, City Clerk  
City of Novi