

MEMORANDUM

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

TO: Thomas Thomas, City Manager

SUBJECT: "IKE" Disaster Planning Grant

DATE: October 31, 2012

The City of Rock Island applied for a \$100,000 Hurricane "IKE" Disaster Planning Grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DECO) in March 2012. DECO staff informed the Mayor and staff of the tentative award of this grant. The grant will undertake an assessment and analysis of the City's existing Comprehensive Plan and recommend changes for the future. There is no local match requirement.

As was stated in the original report to Council, there is no single document called the Rock Island Comprehensive Plan at this time. Instead, staff, the public, Planning Commission and City Council have reviewed and approved multiple neighborhood and area plans and the City's Future Land Use Plan. Examples of these plans are the Broadway, KeyStone, Old Chicago and NEW Old Chicago and other neighborhood plans, Downtown, Sunset and 11th Street business plans, Andalusia Road and IL 92 Corridor Plans. These, along with the annual City Council goal setting process results and Capital Improvement Plan, have been considered the City's policy plans dictating future investments and priorities.

The "IKE" Planning Grant will allow a consultant to be hired, review existing documents and plans and conduct a public planning process that results in a cohesive document that will be approved as the City's Comprehensive Plan. Elements of the plan will be land use, transportation, sustainability, disaster recovery, economic development, housing and infrastructure, among others.

As part of the grant award process, the City must adopt and approve multiple policies, including:

- Affirmative Action
- Citizen Participation Plan
- Equal Employment Opportunity
- Excessive Force Prohibition
- Residential Anti-Displacement
- Sexual Harassment Policy
- Section 504 Accessibility Policy

These policies and certifications are similar to those in place for other grants, such as the Community Development Block Grant program.

Recommendation: That City Council authorize the Mayor and City Manager to execute the required "IKE" Disaster Planning Grant certifications and policies.

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Approved: Thomas Thomas, City Manager