

Memorandum

Community and Economic Development Department

To: Rock Island City Council

Subject: Resolution to Negotiate Contract with QC Chamber

Date: September 30, 2022



The City Council has begun the process of creating a downtown Special Services Area (SSA) that would generate funds for downtown improvements and place management. The Quad Cities Chamber has made known through presentations to the Council that they would like to provide those services. To that end, City staff is formally requesting permission to enter into negotiations with the Chamber for such a contract. Staff are asking for this in order that the Council has an opportunity to definitively make their position on the subject known.

Recommendation:

The Community and Economic Development Department recommends that the City Council approve the resolution and direct staff to negotiate a contract with the Quad Cities Chamber for downtown place management services.

Submitted by: Miles Brainard, Community & Economic Development Director

Approved by: Todd Thompson, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION PROPOSING GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE QUAD CITIES CHAMBER FOR DOWNTOWN PLACE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island (the “*City*”) is a duly organized and validly existing home-rule municipality of the State of Illinois created in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may utilize its power to further its governmental affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Rock Island City Council (the “*Council*”) is seeking to establish a Special Services Area (“*SSA*”) in the downtown area to fund place management; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City (the “*Corporate authorities*”) have determined that it is in the best interests of the City to contract with a third party to provide place management services; and

WHEREAS, the Quad Cities Chamber has been engaged in providing place management services in the Quad Cities region and has made known they would like to provide such services to the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Island, Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the foregoing recital clauses to this Resolution are adopted as findings of the Corporate Authorities of the City and are incorporated herein by specific reference.

Section 2. The Rock Island City Council agrees to engage in good faith negotiations with the Quad Cities Chamber to develop a place management services agreement before the end of 2022.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval in accordance with law.

Section 4. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

Mike Thoms, Mayor

Quad Cities Chamber

Attest:

City Clerk

Passed:

Approved: