

RESOLUTION 14-0955

CITY OF WINDSOR HEIGHTS, IOWA

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

WHEREAS, local governments in central Iowa have long and positive experience in collaborating with each other in many areas of endeavor including economic development, recreation public safety, and infrastructure and,

WHEREAS, successful collaborations have been based on the concept of mutual benefit, where all parties are better off as a result of the collaborative arrangement, and

WHEREAS, the results of past intergovernmental collaboration have been better service for citizens and often a reduction in unit costs, and

WHEREAS, efficient and effective government is in the interest of all taxpayers, and

WHEREAS, elected officials have a key leadership role in promoting intergovernmental collaboration, and

THEREFORE, it is the intent of the Mayor and Council of the City/County of Windsor Heights through our leadership, to accelerate the extent and frequency of intergovernmental collaboration for the purpose of improving services for the same or less unit cost.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City/County of Windsor Heights commit to the following leadership actions in furtherance of this purpose, to:

1. Direct managers/administrators to participate in regional efforts to identify opportunities for collaboration and partner with other entities to make them successful
2. Include participation in regional collaborative efforts in the managers/administrators' annual goals and as a measure in their annual performance evaluation
3. Direct managers/administrators to provide quarterly reports to their governing bodies on the progress of collaborative efforts
4. Direct managers/administrators to include in annual budgets and financial and management reports progress of collaborative efforts

5. Anticipate and highlight opportunities that emerge in the regular course of business such as key retirements, contract expirations, large equipment purchases, physical facility decisions, or bulk purchases, and require evidence that collaborative opportunities have been explored before approving any such hire, contract or bond;
6. Thoroughly review, evaluate and make an explicit decision on any collaboration opportunity presented from another governmental jurisdiction; and
7. Respond to requests from other regional entities for information on collaborative efforts

Diana Willits, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeffrey A. Fiegenschuh, City Administrator/Clerk



Sept. 2, 2014

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

This fall our communities will begin their second round of collaboration projects through the sponsorship of the Greater Des Moines Partnership's Capital Crossroads project – Governance Capital. As co-chairs of the Governance Capital committee, we are asking once again for your specific endorsement as the second round of projects kicks off.

The first round of collaboration projects was successful in using professional outside support to resolve several perennially troublesome issues, and to avoid duplication of effort in dealing with common challenges. These projects involved the management of storm debris, control of construction in the public right-of-way, fire personnel training and the development of uniform fire codes.

The areas of **law enforcement** and **parks and recreation** will be the focus of the second round. Police Chiefs/Sheriffs and Parks and Recreation Directors are invited to join their city/county managers on **September 9 and 23**, respectively, to identify new initiatives and form teams to find the best solutions. Staff from Des Moines Area Community College Business Resources (DBR) will facilitate the work of the teams by planning the meetings, facilitating the discussions, and following up on the actions to be taken. Their work should be completed within a 12-month period.

Support from elected officials for this initiative last time was crucial. City managers and department directors want to know that you support them in investing their time and talent in this regional endeavor. Last time you expressed your support by passing a resolution committing elected officials to a variety of actions. The draft version you were given last time is attached (although the specific resolution you ultimately adopted may look different). We are asking that you review your resolution, and vote to reaffirm your support for it. This action will do much to position the initiative for success as the second round gets underway.

Thank you so much for your support in building the capacity of our local officials to work together to solve problems and achieve results for the benefit of all in central Iowa.

Sincerely,

Bob Andeweg, Mayor of Urbandale
Gretchen Tegeler, President, Taxpayers Association of Central Iowa

Co-chairs, Capital Crossroads, Governance Capital Committee