



CITY OF SOUTH BEND

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Redevelopment Commission Agenda Item

DATE: Dec. 12, 2023

FROM: Caleb Bauer, Executive Director of DCI

SUBJECT: Budget Request for Downtown Planning Process

Funding Source* (circle one) River West; River East; South Side; Douglas Road; West Washington; RDC General

*Funds are subject to the City Controller's determination of availability; if funds are unavailable, as solely determined by the City Controller, then the authorization of the expenditure of such funds shall be void and of no effect.

Purpose of Request: \$500,000 budget request for development of the first Downtown Master Plan

Specifics: The Department of Community Investment requests \$500,000 from the River West Development Area to fund professional services in support of the development of a Downtown Master Plan.

Staff plans to engage with a number of consultants, including urban design firms Urban Design Associates and Torti Gallas + Partners, as well as others to conduct analysis on retail, parking, and housing needs in the downtown area.

The City has not conducted a Downtown Master planning process in decades, and the unprecedented growth we have seen in the downtown area merits a planning process that can help to ensure growth is coordinated and additive.

_____ Pres/V-Pres

ATTEST: _____ Secretary

Date: _____

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Not Approved