

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA

Resolution 2015-07

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION TO THE AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITIES (ABC) COMPETITION TO FACILITATE CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, Frontier Communications, DISH Network and CoBank, founders of America's Best Communities (ABC), have announced an innovative competition to inspire the revitalization of small town America and harness the power of community collaboration and innovation for the greater good for cities and towns that are the spirit of our country and the foundation of our economy; and

WHEREAS, ABC seeks to recognize self-reliant communities that possess the tenacity and creativity to address the challenges that are present within their communities and to identify innovative solutions that encourage long-term growth and sustainability by providing qualified applicants with the resources they need to transform and re-energize the local economy and be their own agents for positive change; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council ("Council") of the City of Hobart, Indiana encourages innovative ideas to build and sustain the local economy by identifying new ways to harness resources, stimulate additional investment or utilize new technologies to increase economic development and create positive change and revitalization within this community; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and supports the collaborative efforts between the local businesses, residents, and community groups to encourage economic growth, future vision planning and sustainability, creating positive changes to enhance the quality of life in the City of Hobart;

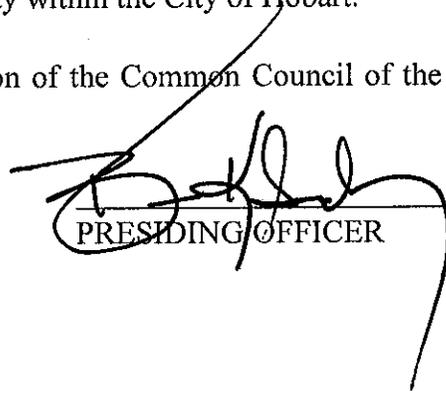
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Common Council of the City of Hobart, Lake County, Indiana supports the application of the City of Hobart to the America's Best Communities (ABC) Competition to facilitate continued collaborative development efforts for economic growth, vision planning and sustainability within the City of Hobart.

ALL OF WHICH is adopted as the Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana on this 18th day of March, 2015.

ATTEST


DEBORAH A. LONGER, Clerk-Treasurer


PRESIDING OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MARCH 12, 2015

TO: HOBART COMMON COUNCIL
MAYOR BRIAN K. SNEDECOR
CLERK TREASURER, DEBORAH LONGER
CITY ATTORNEY, ANTHONY DEBONIS

FROM: SERGIO MENDOZA, City Planner

RE: RESOLUTION 2015-07 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION TO THE AMERICA'S BEST COMMUNITY COMPETITION TO FACILITATE CONTINUED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE CITY OF HOBART, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

The America's Best Community competition was conceived by Frontier and is co-sponsored by DISH and CoBank. The Frontier competition is designed to stimulate growth and revitalization in municipalities within Frontier's service areas. America's Best Communities contest is designed to help municipalities identify and invest in innovative ideas to build and sustain their local economies. As part of this contest the winning ideas then become a roadmap for implementation through future funding opportunities. Ideas for implementation may come from the Transit Feasibility Study, Neighborhood Spotlight Program, The Hobart Marsh Plan, or other programmed revitalization efforts and needs identified in the Comprehensive Plan.

The application deadline for America's Best Communities contest ends March 25, 2015. On April 29, 2015 up to 50 community applicants will be announced and each will be awarded \$35,000 to further develop their plans and proposals. The selected communities will refine and submit their final proposals in November 2015. In January 2016, 15 semifinalists will be selected to present their proposals in the spring of 2016. Eight finalists will be selected and awarded \$100,000 each. The prize money will be used to implement the communities' proposed plans. From the eight finalist, the top three with the most innovative, and effective proposals will be awarded \$3 million, \$2 million and \$1 million in April 2017.

Part of the points awarded in the application selection criteria include "...demonstrates commitment and a process for creating change in the community..." The adoption in support of this RESOLUTION by the City of Hobart Common Council will provide City staff another level of commitment to submit as part of America's Best Communities' contest.

More detailed information can be found at: www.americasbestcommunities.com.