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To: Mayor and City Council

From: April Fisher, Interim City Manager

Re: City Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Appraisal Report Update

Every seven years, local governments are required to evaluate whether there is a need to update their respective comprehensive plans to reflect changes in state requirements. This is known as the evaluation and appraisal report (EAR) process. Belle Isle is in that window of time now. The City is required to notify the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) by letter as to its determination.

I have reviewed the City's comprehensive plan since the last update and approval by the state DEO. The Plan is consistent with State requirements and an EAR process is not necessary.

There are amendments that the comprehensive plan needs such as updating the future land use element and processing property specific future land use amendments, however these can be done outside of the EAR process. Any amendments based on an EAR must be transmitted to the state within a year from their beginning. This could put an undue timeframe hardship on the City so I do not recommend it.

I have drafted a letter for the Mayor's signature, indicating that the City has determined the comprehensive plan is consistent with state requirements and therefore an EAR process is not required.