

Deb McIntosh – Ward 9

Thank you to the Chamber for taking the time and effort to prepare this document: "Supporting Growth Through Economic Development".

Economic growth is key to our city's success. We need to attract new money and skilled talent to our city while also supporting our existing businesses in their desire to grow. Economic growth will enable our community to fix/replace our aging roads, pipes and buildings in a more timely fashion.

I haven't the time to dissect each component of your platform, but overall I believe we are on the same page about most of the economic opportunities (and challenges) facing our community.

Some of your suggestions are already being worked on by city staff, while other areas will require our collaboration in order to achieve success.

The municipal government, residents and businesses function best as a team - it will always require a team effort to build and grow our city.

Thank you again for your work, I look forward to working with the Chamber in the best interests of our community.

Deb