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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**DATE:** May 28, 2025

**SUBMITTED BY:** Corey Fortin, City Administration

**ITEM TYPE:** Agreement

**AGENDA SECTION:** NEW BUSINESS BY DEPARTMENT HEADS, CITY ATTORNEY AND COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Scope and Fees with Dover, Kohl & Partners for an Economic Development Action Plan

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approval

**Is this item Quasi-Judicial?**

No

**Does this item require a public hearing?**

No

**EXPLANATION:**

The City is interested in developing a workable plan to shape future investment and public improvements in the City of Bradenton.

Dover, Kohl & Partners has provided a scope of services that will capitalize on work that has already been completed building upon recent outreach efforts to gauge community interests on the future of the City and recent updates to the CRA plan. This planning effort will capitalize on a variety of previous and on-going work done to date, along with additional deliverables, and merge input and desired community vision with physical planning, redevelopment strategies, and implementation mechanisms to form a strategic plan to achieve near and long-term results. The plan will feature a scaled approach: a more general Bradenton Blueprint concept map to guide growth and development City-wide (as well as including essential Manatee County properties) providing big picture to inform future decision making, while more detailed Special Area Plans will be crafted to better explain site specific recommendations and transferable development strategies.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Up to \$150,000.00 will be requested in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget to cover the cost and scope of the Economic Development Action Plan.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:**

Legal has been contacted and reviewed this agenda item. This will be budgeted to flow through the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation as the primary economic development contractor. Accordingly, no legal review for sufficiency is required by the City Attorney.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

Motion to approve the Proposed Scope and Fees from Dover, Kohl & Partners to develop an Economic Development Action Plan for the City of Bradenton in conjunction with the Bradenton Area Economic Development Corporation and direct the City's budget section to include funding in the Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget to fund this project.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Economic Development Action Plan Proposed Scope and Fees](#)