

**Elsen, Nikki**

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**Subject:** FW: Legistar #14-1035 Resolution approving Tax Incremental District Eleven Amendment Four and Project Plan, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

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**From:** Buddenhagen, Brenda  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2014 3:07 PM  
**To:** Lehrke, Teri  
**Subject:** Legistar #14-1035 Resolution approving Tax Incremental District Eleven Amendment Four and Project Plan, City of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Hi Teri – Pursuant to your request, this e-mail is to confirm that the Legal Department does not feel it is necessary for the Common Council to reconsider the above item.

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**From:** Elsen, Nikki  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 1:20 PM  
**To:** Patros, Nathan  
**Cc:** Lehrke, Teri; Buddenhagen, Brenda  
**Subject:** RE: 14-1035

Looking through this legislation and talking it through with Teri, we feel this item needs to be reconsidered.

The legal description probably isn't a big deal since there is a map included in the Plan. But, the Attorney Opinion is missing from the Project Plan and, in our opinion, a Project Plan cannot be approved when it is incomplete.

Additionally, there are two drafts (1 and 2). The resolution does not reflect which draft was approved.

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**From:** Patros, Nathan  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 11:28 AM  
**To:** Elsen, Nikki  
**Cc:** Lehrke, Teri; Buddenhagen, Brenda  
**Subject:** RE: 14-1035

Right, I'm with you on having our ducks in a row. I understand that Department heads are working improve departmental collaboration/communication for such projects to ensure that sufficient time is provided to complete collaborative projects, like TID creations/amendments.

In the past year, the City has experienced an influx of developers who have requested financial assistance in short order...leaving departments scrambling to meet deadlines. For the record, planning staff has followed up, on many occasions, to obtain the legal description and attorney opinion, prior to the council approval date.

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**From:** Elsen, Nikki  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 9:38 AM  
**To:** Patros, Nathan  
**Subject:** FW: 14-1035

Just so you know ... I got your email and not ignoring it. I sent the email below to Brenda and Teri who know more about the TIF amendment process.

I expect we can just add the legal but I don't want to assume and be wrong. Just a heads up ... I think it is very important that the author of legislation follow it through the process. Things like this (files remain incomplete) happen all the time and cause problems, delay, etc. after Council approves. We really encourage files be complete when introduced but we know that doesn't always happen.

So waiting to hear from one of them ...

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**From:** Elsen, Nikki

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 5:03 PM

**To:** Lehrke, Teri; Buddenhagen, Brenda

**Subject:** 14-1035

Nate Patros called about the subject file which amended TIF 11.

He needs a certified resolution to send to the joint board. The resolution that is attached does not have the Legal Description and does not have the Attorney Opinion.

Nate has the legal and I can add it. Not sure about the Legal Opinion.

Can these info be added without this item being reconsidered?

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