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Verified by:	<i>[Signature]</i>	

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEMORANDUM

AM No. 07-66

TITLE: DIRECTING AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE ACTIONS OF THE CITY OF WASILLA IN RELATION TO MERITAGE DEVELOPMENT.

Agenda of: November 26, 2007
 Originator: Council Member Steve Menard

Date: December 10, 2007

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
X	Finance, Risk Management & MIS Director Purchasing	
X	Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	
X	City Clerk	

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER: _____

FISCAL IMPACT: yes \$ _____ or no Funds Available yes no
 Account name/number: 001.4115.411-30.32, Legal Services
 Attachments: None

SUMMARY STATEMENT: I support an independent review of the actions taken by the City of Wasilla in regard to the development of Creekside Town Square by Meritage Development.

The questions we wish to have answered through the review include the following but are not limited to:

1. Was there inappropriate behavior by city employees in their assistance with the development of Creekside Town Square by Meritage Development?
2. If so, was said behavior unethical and misleading?
3. Was the City secretly working with Meritage Development to develop Creekside Town Square?
4. Where any policies, codes or statutes violated? Was there any wrong doing or is this how City business is usually conducted?

5. Was there unfair favoritism given to Meritage Development over other businesses in the area?
6. Was the Mayor inappropriate in her letter of August 24, 2007, to Andres Whymore Partnership, or was she acting within her power?
7. What did the Economic Development Planner mean when he stated in an email "send Lithia-esc letters"?
8. In terms of the Community Block Grant, where will the money go?
9. Review actions during the May 2007 trip to Las Vegas and meetings with Meritage Development to see if any personnel policy or any ethical misconduct occurred.

ACTION:

Direct the purchasing and contracting officer to solicit RFPs with a law firm, to perform an independent review to focus on the actions related to Meritage Development to include Creekside Town Square, Gateway Crossing, and other related business in relation to the City of Wasilla's involvement. RFPs to be due by February 11, 2008 and to be reviewed by the City Council. The City Clerk shall assist with the review as needed by the attorney conducting the review.