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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas A. Golden, Jr., City Manager 

FROM: Yovani Baez-Rose, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

CC: Allison Carter, Director of Economic Development  
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SUBJECT: MOTION RESPONSE: 2/21/23 - Councilors Robinson and Yem and Mayor Chau - Request City Manager Work With Mill City Grows And Other Community Stakeholders To Explore Thea Feasibility Of Developing A Year Round Regional Indoor/Outdoor Farmers, Culinary Market With Food Court And Public Cooking Classroom Space

The Department of Planning and Development (DPD) worked closely with Community Teamwork (CTI) to bring their annual farmer's market to the Hamilton Canal Innovation District (HCID). DPD worked with CTI to develop a plan to host their weekly summer farmers market in the greenspace outside of the garage. The market brings together multiple small growers across the region weekly July through October, to sell their fruits, vegetables and other products to local consumers.

CTI and the City are working together to expand this market into the unoccupied commercial space within the HCID garage so it can operate as a year-round indoor/outdoor market. The opening of the market occurred on July 7<sup>th</sup> with multiple vendors, and food trucks. The City and CTI will continue to collaborate on expanding the market and renovating the commercial space to suit this continued use.

Farmers market visitors can expect to find the market every Friday from 11am to 3pm with vendors, live entertainment, cooking demonstrations, food trucks and other activities. Vendors at the market accept cash, cards, WIC, SNAP/EBT REMOVE and Senior Coupons. Additional information about the market can be found online here: [Lowell Farmers' Market - Community Teamwork \(commteam.org\)](http://LowellFarmersMarket-CommunityTeamwork.commteam.org)

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