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## **Henry plan would beef up urban core**

Democratic mayoral candidate Tom Henry announced a plan Monday morning to strengthen the city's urban core by revitalizing its key corridors.

Joined by business owners on Wells Street, Henry discussed his three-pronged plan. "These investments just make sense," he said.

Under Henry's plan, the city would:

- ◆ Create "Neighborhood Main Street" plans with business and property owners to identify commercial corridors.
- ◆ Fund face-lifts to buildings with community block grants ranging from \$25,000 to \$125,000.
- ◆ Reassess development standards for the city's urban core. Henry said he would look at thriving older neighborhoods in other cities and establish a special zoning status for the corridors.

Judi Wire, owner of Great Panes Glass Co., 1307 N. Wells St., and the president of the city's plan commission, said business owners and other stakeholders are working with the city staff to do just that. She expects a proposal to go before the plan commission in November and City Council in December.

Republican mayoral candidate Matt Kelty did not return a call for comment.

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