

**MINUTES OF THE  
BUDGET COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006**

At a meeting of the **Budget Committee**, held Tuesday, July 25, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Crouchman-Chairman, Brandenburg, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, Flynn, Gielegghem, Haggerty, Kennard, Lund, McCarthy, Mijac, Rengert, Revoir, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Switalski, Szczepanski, Vosburg and White.

Absent and excused was Hill.

**Also Present:**

David Diegel, Director, Finance Department  
John Foster, Assistant Director, Finance Department  
George Brumbaugh, Director, Corporation Counsel  
James Meyerand, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
John Anderson, Director, Risk Management and Safety Department  
Ted Cwiek, Director, Human Resources Department  
Eric Herppich, Division Director, Labor Relations, Human Resources Department  
Eric Smith, Prosecuting Attorney  
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services  
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs  
Lynn Arnott-Bryks, Director, Facilities and Operations Department  
Gerald Alsip, Administrator, Juvenile Division, Circuit Court  
Nicole DeJong, Program Director, Juvenile Division, Circuit Court  
Thomas Kalkofen, Director/Health Officer, Health Department  
Chad Selweski, Reporter, The Macomb Daily

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chairman Crouchman called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by White, supported by DeSaele, to place on this agenda the issue regarding the elimination of the Veterans' Affairs Director position, upon retirement of the current director, that the Budget Committee previously took action on at its June 23, 2006 meeting. **The Motion Carried.**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Doherty, to adopt the agenda, as amended. **The Motion Carried.**

### **MINUTES**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Vosburg, to approve the May 16 and June 13, 2006 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Leocadia Breasbois, 7227 Meisner, China, Michigan

Ms. Breasbois is the Chief Steward/Negotiator for Teamsters Local 214. She expressed concern about the taking away of assigned parking spots for general parking areas.

Donna Cangemi, President, AFSCME 411

Ms. Cangemi echoed comments made by the previous speaker.

Jill Lezotte, 50778 Bower Court, Chesterfield Township, Michigan

Ms. Lezotte echoed comments made by the two previous speakers.

### **REVISITING THE ISSUE REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTOR POSITION, UPON RETIREMENT OF THE CURRENT DIRECTOR, THAT THE BUDGET COMMITTEE PREVIOUSLY TOOK ACTION ON AT ITS JUNE 23, 2006 MEETING**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY WHITE, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **RESCIND** THE ACTION THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY TAKEN AT THE JUNE 23, 2006 BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIRECTOR POSITION, UPON RETIREMENT OF THE CURRENT DIRECTOR.

A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel as to why the action taken at the Budget Committee meeting of June 23, 2006 should be rescinded. Commissioners expressed concern about the six-week backlog at the Veterans' Services Department.

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **RECOMMENDATION FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 06-14-06**

Contained within committee packets was a three-page letter from Mr. Diegel dated June 13, 2006, which summarized parking fees and options currently charged to employees for parking in downtown Mount Clemens.

Mr. Diegel informed Commissioners that the motion before them talked about increasing the fees, it did not talk about eliminating the reserved spaces. The motion also ignores the five non-employee reserved spaces in the parking garage; they currently pay \$16 a month.

He felt the motion should include an increase in fees for those five non-employee spaces and then Commissioners have to deal with the issue of having individual reserved spaces for individual employees or having a reserved area that employees would park in on a first come, first serve basis.

He noted an error in his letter that addressed the Court Building-Underground: Employee Reserved: 18 spaces at \$20.85 a month. It stated those rates were last set in 1968 and they were actually increased in 1991.

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY SZCZEPANSKI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE AN INCREASE IN PARKING FEES TO \$16 PER MONTH FOR EMPLOYEE RESERVED SPACES, \$4 PER DAY FOR PUBLIC SPACES, AND \$30.85 PER MONTH FOR UNDERGROUND RESERVED SPACES. FURTHER, TO INCREASE THE PARKING RATE FOR THE FIVE (5) NON-EMPLOYEE RESERVED SPACES FROM \$16 TO \$32 PER MONTH. FURTHER, TO REQUEST THAT THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT COME BACK WITH A REPORT ON THE RESERVED SPACES.

Discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel about the possibility of installing parking meters at the Clemens Center to generate revenue.

### **AMENDMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY KENNARD, TO INCREASE THE PARKING FEE FOR EMPLOYEE RESERVED SPACES FROM \$8 TO \$12 AND TO ADJUST PARKING RATES ANNUALLY.

After further discussion, **Commissioner Doherty withdrew the first portion of her amendment**, but wanted to keep the second portion.

After further discussion, a **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Doherty was accepted as follows: "To **review** parking rates annually."

Ms. Arnott-Bryks provided a brief update on what is happening with the Bell Fork Lift parking lot. It was noted that the City of Mount Clemens has different sticker lots and different rates for those lots. An employee could purchase a sticker directly from the city.

During discussion, Mr. Diegel informed Commissioners that he would be doing an updated survey and would also acquire a figure on the number of vacant spots. Ms. Arnott-Bryks spoke about the surveys that have been taken over the last 15 years.

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the motion, **as amended**, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **RECOMMENDATION FROM JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 07-17-06**

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BRANDENBURG, SUPPORTED BY McCARTHY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE CONTINUATION OF TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT – JUVENILE DIVISION, JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER RE-ENTRY PROGRAM (JSORP) WITH \$83,200 FROM THE STATE CHILD CARE FUND AND \$83,200 COUNTY CASH MATCH BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2006. FURTHER, FUNDS ARE CONTAINED IN THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

##### **AWARD MORGUE PROJECT TO LOW-BIDDER, CMA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. (Item waived to Budget Committee by Operational Services Committee Vice Chair Kennard)**

##### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HAGGERTY, SUPPORTED BY SAUGER, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AWARD THE MORGUE PROJECT TO THE LOW-BIDDER, CMA CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,578,900 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ARCHITECT, EDMUND LONDON & ASSOCIATES, INC. FUNDS FOR THIS PROJECT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CAPITAL BUDGET.

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Doherty was accepted as follows: "To authorize staff to enter into a contract with the lowest bidder contingent upon satisfaction of Prevailing Wage and Labor Harmony Agreements. Further, to authorize staff to seek the second

lowest bidder, if necessary.”

Chairman Crouchman called for a vote on the motion, **as amended**, and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCE DIRECTOR’S CORRESPONDENCE DATED JULY 18, 2006**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Revoir, to receive and file the Finance Director’s correspondence dated July 18, 2006. **The Motion Carried.**

**RECEIVE AND FILE RETIREE HEALTH CARE TRUST FUND FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FY 2005**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Haggerty, to receive and file the Retiree Health Care Trust Fund Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2005. **The Motion Carried.**

**2006 CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT UPDATE**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brandenburg, supported by Slinde, to receive and file the 2006 Contingency Account Update. **The Motion Carried.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Leocadia Breasbois, 7227 Meisner, China, Michigan

Ms. Breasbois expressed concern about an employee who lives in the area, walks to work, and this individual sublets her parking space to attorneys.

Jill Lezotte, 50778 Bower Court, Chesterfield Township, Michigan

Ms. Lezotte suggested that the Board look into putting a parking structure on the Bell Forklift property and charge for public parking at the rate of \$5 a day.

Eric Smith, Prosecuting Attorney

Mr. Smith informed Commissioners that if any of them wanted to read the provisions in the contract and would like to discuss with him why those provisions are in the contract, he would be in his office.

Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs

Mr. Frame informed Commissioners that Channel 4 may be present during tomorrow's Finance Committee meeting or at the Full Board to shoot some footage.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Revoir, to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.  
**The Motion Carried.**

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**Denise M. Jacks  
Committee Reporter**