

**MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, January 17, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

Vosburg-Chair, Brown, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, Gielegem, Kolakowski, Lund, Rengert, Slinde and White (ex-officio).

Absent and excused were Gibson and Hill.

Also Present:

Commissioner Brandenburg
Commissioner Brdak
Commissioner Flynn
Commissioner Kennard
Commissioner Sauger
Stephen Cassin, Executive Director, Planning and Economic Development (PED) Dept.
Donald Morandini, Deputy Director, Planning and Economic Development Department
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Slinde, to adopt the agenda, as presented.
The Motion Carried.

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Duzyj, to approve the November 8 and December 6, 2005 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

FUTURE PLANNING INITIATIVES FOR MOUNT CLEMENS

Chair Vosburg removed this agenda item, because the presenter, Mr. Arthur Mullen, DDA Director, City of Mount Clemens, had to leave and would try to make his presentation at a later date.

Commissioner Doherty inquired as to how individuals are appointed to the Mount Clemens DDA Board of Directors. Chair Vosburg said that this inquiry would be answered when the presentation is made.

PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES FOR MACOMB COUNTY

Chair Vosburg informed Commissioners that 11 firms responded to the Request for Proposals (RFP) and that a group consisting of Mr. Cassin, Mr. Frame, Mr. Morandini, and herself would be reviewing and scoring them. At next month's PED Committee meeting they will present the top three or four, depending on scores.

Commissioner Gielegem recalled that the Board recently passed the Living Wage Policy and inquired if that had been worked into the bid process. He asked that Mr. Cassin contact Ms. Polly Helzer on this issue. He wanted to make sure bidders are aware of the Living Wage Policy.

Commissioner Doherty thought when the policy was passed it was not effective until January 1st; noting the RFP went out before that. She suggested contacting Corporation Counsel on this issue.

ADOPT RESOLUTION AFFIRMING MACOMB COUNTY'S SUPPORT FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN THE 2006 TRI-COUNTY SUMMIT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION - MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DOHERTY, SUPPORTED BY DiMARIA, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING MACOMB COUNTY'S SUPPORT FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN THE 2006 TRI-COUNTY SUMMIT (**OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR WHITE ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD**).

A brief discussion ensued amongst Commissioners pertaining to the intent of this resolution.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Brandenburg asked for an update on the Super Bowl progress. Chair Vosburg requested that the update be given at a meeting of the whole Board. Board Chair White agreed.

Commissioner Kennard spoke about the Homeless Coalition Coordinator and asked for an update on Block Grant funds and how they are allocated. Mr. Cassin said that he would place this item on next month's committee meeting agenda.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs

Mr. Frame informed Commissioners that Crain's Detroit Business had a section this week about Macomb County. He placed a copy of it in Commissioners mailboxes and stated that a copy was available at the front counter, too.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Gielegem, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter