

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, December 5, 2006, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mt. Clemens, the following members were present:

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

Also Present:

Commissioner Brandenburg
Commissioner Kennard
Frank Krycia, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Jill Smith, Assistant Corporation Counsel
Stephen Cassin, Executive Director, Planning and Economic Development Dept.
Donald Morandini, Deputy Director, Planning and Economic Development Department
Jeffrey Schroeder, Planning and Economic Development Department
Maria Zardis, Grant Coordinator, Planning and Economic Development Department
Rhonda Deriemaecker, Director of Board Services
Phil Frame, Director, Office of Public Affairs

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by McCarthy, to approve the August 15 and September 12, 2006 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH THE COMPILATION AND ELECTRONIC PRINTING OF THE 2007 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL REPORT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY DOHERTY, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO PREPARE THE 2007 ANNUAL REPORT. IN ORDER TO SAVE ON COSTS, THE 2007 REPORT WILL BE IN ELECTRONIC PDF FORMAT, BE PLACED ON THE MACOMB COUNTY WEB SITE, AND FOLLOW A FORMAT SIMILAR TO THE 2006 REPORT, WHICH INCLUDED 36 PAGES AND A COVER.

Commissioners suggested placing application forms for the Dental Discount Program, Prescription Drug Discount Program and so forth in the report and perhaps add a link for convenience.

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

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARD PAYMENT THROUGH PAYPAL FOR DEPARTMENT'S WEB-BASED SERVICES

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GIELEGHEM, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PAYPAL TO GIVE CUSTOMERS THE OPTION TO PAY FOR SERVICES, INFORMATION AND SEMINARS THROUGH PAYPAL FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS.

Mr. Schroeder provided a brief overview of this request. Some Commissioners expressed concern about using Paypal, due to their own experience. Mr. Krycia assured Commissioners that for our market, this would be an appropriate solution. They looked at other alternatives and Paypal seemed to be better suited to buying digital maps off the Web site.

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Mr. Cassin updated Commissioners on the two Economic Development Attraction Specialist positions. He expected that these individuals will accept the job and will be onboard probably the first of the year. He informed Commissioners that they received the first draft report from the consultant on the Romeo Airport. The consultants are coming in tomorrow to discuss the findings. He informed Commissioners that the Solid Waste Plan will be bought to Macomb County's 27 communities after the first of the year.

He spoke about his recent trip to China that he went on with Automation Alley and others. The trip was at no cost to Macomb County. Two companies from Macomb County accompanied them on this trip and are extremely excited about anticipated business from China. He would like to have these two companies attend a future meeting of this committee to see how they are dealing with the China aspect.

A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Cassin about Macomb County being in the running for the MSU School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Commissioner Doherty requested an updated report on the latest Solid Waste Plan.

MOTION

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by McCarthy, to receive and file the Executive Director's Report on departmental activities. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Slinde, to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter