

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2007**

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, March 13, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Vosburg-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, DeSaele, DiMaria, Drolet, Duzyj, Gielegem, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts and Crouchman (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Haggerty.

**Other Commissioners Also Present:**

Commissioner Lund  
Commissioner Switalski

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as presented.

**The Motion Carried.**

Committee was provided with a handout for agenda items #5 and #6.

Chair Vosburg indicated that both presentations would be heard together.

**PRESENTATIONS ON THE COUNTY'S SMALL BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND ON THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND STRATEGIES PERTAINING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Gielegem, supported by Rengert, to receive and file the presentations on the County's Small Business Technology Development Center and on the Planning and Economic Development Department's Accomplishments and Strategies Pertaining to Economic Development.

Mr. Cassin referred to the handout and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key topics covered included: Department of Planning & Economic Development Reorganization - 2007 and Comprehensive Approach to Economic Development.

Mr. Morandini referred to the handout and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key topics covered included: Macomb County Economic Development Strategy, Small Business & Technology Development Center (SBTDC), SBTDC Services, SBTDC Counseling Activity & Economic Impact 2006, SBTDC Activity, SBTDC Technology Consultants, and Awards.

Mr. Tess referred to the handout and gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key topics covered included: 2006 - Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction Successes, 2006 - Select Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction Successes, and Economic Development Services Group.

After the presentations, several questions were directed to Mr. Cassin, Mr. Morandini, and Mr. Tess about topics covered during their presentations.

Some commissioners felt there should be expansion to having a total of four Economic Development Attraction Specialists in the Planning and Economic Development Department. It was felt that there should be a waiver on spending and travel policies for Economic Development purposes only. It was suggested that Mr. Frame do a press release on the 2006 Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction Successes.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

## **AUTHORIZE TO ALLOW AUTOMATION ALLEY TO OCCUPY SPACE WITHIN THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR A MACOMB COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE**

### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DiMARIA, SUPPORTED BY DUZYJ, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONCUR WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZE TO ALLOW AUTOMATION ALLEY TO UTILIZE SPACE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT FOR A MACOMB COUNTY SATELLITE OFFICE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Brdak, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m.  
**The Motion Carried.**

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Denise M. Jacks  
Committee Reporter