

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014**

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, March 12, 2014, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Mijac-Chair, Carabelli-Vice-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Smith and Flynn (ex-officio).

Absent and excused were Klinefelt and Mocerri.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Mijac called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

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

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Boyle, to approve the January 15, 2014 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/SALT RIVER MARSH GRANT/PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Amanda Priemer, an Associate Planner from the Planning and Economic Development Department, summarized the budget amendment and grant.

The following commissioners spoke: Mijac and Smith.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Smith, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve the 2014 budget amendment request from Planning & Economic Development resulting in a net increase of \$25,000 under Planning Grants – Fund 361; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a

contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately. **The Motion Carried.**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/GRANT FUND 361/PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Jeff Schroeder, Program Director, gave an overview.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Carabelli, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve the 2014 budget amendment request from Planning & Economic Development resulting in a net increase of \$140,000 under Planning Grants – Fund 361; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately. **The Motion Carried.**

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/BROWNFIELD REVOLVING GRANT/PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Carabelli, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to approve the 2014 budget amendment request from Planning & Economic Development resulting in a net increase of \$1,000,000 under Planning Grants – Fund 361; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately.

The following commissioners asked questions of Mr. Schroeder: Brown, Smith, Boyle and Flynn.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT/MACOMB LITERACY PARTNERS/FINANCE**

Ken Lampar, Director, spoke about the services that they provide and how this additional funding will enhance those services. He acknowledged Terri Giampetroni, a Board member from St. Clair County, who was also present.

The following commissioners spoke: Smith and Carabelli.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Brown, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to deny a budget amendment in the amount of \$17,200 for an increase in the appropriation to Macomb Literacy Partners in the General Fund through an increase in the use of fund balance; further, this budget action addresses budgetary issues only. It does not constitute the Commission's approval of any County contract. If a contract requires Commission approval under the County's Contracting Policy or the County's Procurement Ordinance, such approval must be sought separately.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn and Boyle.

Chair Mijac called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried** with Mijac voting "No."

### **CONTRACT WITH MACOMB LITERACY PARTNERS/PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Carabelli, to forward to the Finance Committee a recommendation to reject the contract with Macomb Literacy Partners through 2016 in the amount of \$50,000 annually. **The Motion Carried** with Mijac voting "No."

(Note: this motion was reconsidered under New Business.)

### **UPDATE ON WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

Kevin Chandler gave an update on Wayne State University in Macomb County, which included the degrees and certificates offered at their three locations, an update on the current construction of their new facility in Warren and their partnership with Macomb Community College. He also spoke about current initiatives and those being planned for the future.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Boyle and Flynn.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Boyle, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the update provided on Wayne State University Extension. **The Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Mijac stated that questions have been raised regarding the previous action taken on the contract with the Macomb Literacy Partners. He asked Frank Krycia from

Corporation Counsel to offer his opinion on whether the actions taken are appropriate and satisfy the Charter. Brief discussion ensued and Mr. Krycia's recommendation was that any motion approved by a majority of the members should be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Brown, to suspend the rules to reconsider agenda item #10, contract with Macomb Literacy Partners. **The Motion Carried.**

### **CONTRACT WITH MACOMB LITERACY PARTNERS/PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Chair Mijac stated that the item is back on the floor and asked for a motion. No motion was made and the item died for lack of support.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mijac adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.



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**Corinne Bedard**  
**Committee Reporter**