

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, April 10, 2013, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

Chair Mijac requested the deletion of #7, Adopt Resolution of Intent for the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. He indicated there are some legality issues that need to be resolved and it will be put on a future agenda.

MOTION

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

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Smith, to approve the March 13, 2013 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Diana Nash, President, Green Team Coalition
Ken Randazzo, DTE Energy
Randy Martin, Walbridge
Darryl Trombley, Metro Environmental
Tom Victor, Metro Environmental
Glenn Schweiger, Maryland Electric
Victor Gjonaj, Signature Associates
Wayne Oehmke, Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce
Tom Bowes, Director of Education and Outreach, Electrical Industry Training Center
Michelle Fusco, Macomb Chamber of Commerce

PRESENTATIONS

Andrew Levin, Levin Energy Partners

Andrew Levin, Founder and Managing Partner, provided an overview of the Lean and Green Michigan approach to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), an innovative tool to help Michigan businesses save money, create jobs, grow the tax base and green the state. He spoke about who can take advantage of this and what can be financed under the PACE statute.

Jennifer Mefford, IBEW

Tom Bowes, Director of Education and Outreach for the Electrical Industry Training Center located in Warren, described the Center and the educational programs available which provide preparation for jobs in environmental and energy efficiency areas.

Jennifer Mefford, Director of Business Development for the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), spoke next about the organization's commitment to PACE. NECA helps educate the marketplace about updating facilities and saving money with energy efficiency retrofits and they facilitate training programs to do the jobs. Education about these areas is ongoing, and very often the facilities know what they need to do, but not how to accomplish or fund the improvements. The PACE program provides a financing option to fund projects and help businesses realize energy savings.

The following individuals spoke about their experience with the PACE program: Ken Randazzo, Tom Bowes, Randy Martin, Diana Nash, Darryl Trombley and Tom Victor.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn, Mocerri, Smith, Brown, Klinefelt, Carabelli and Mijac.

Chair Mijac stated that he will be working on the resolution of intent and hopes to have that ready later this month or for the next meeting. He thanked everyone for their participation.

MOTION

A motion was made by Smith, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the presentations provided by Andy Levin and Jennifer Mefford regarding PACE. **The Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Mijac informed committee that former Commissioner Bobby Hill passed away yesterday.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Wayne Oehmke, Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mijac adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Corinne Bedard".

Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter