

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, June 12, 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).

Other Commissioners also present: Vosburg.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Mijac called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Boyle, supported by Smith, to adopt the agenda, as amended to include #7 (Presentation by Detroit Regional Chamber), #8 (Presentation by U.S. Army Tank) and #9 (Presentation by Lt. Col. Greg Corbett). **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Smith, to approve the May 8, 2013 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

REPORT ON THE \$231,000 MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MEDC) GRANT AWARD TO MACOMB COUNTY

Information regarding the County's MEDC Grant Proposal was provided by Steve Cassin, Director of the Planning & Economic Development Department.

Chair Mijac informed committee that he had requested a representative from the Planning & Economic Development Department to be present to provide a report on the \$231,000 award, but was told by the Office of County Executive that departments overseen by the Executive would attend meetings only for action items and not for informational purposes.

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Flynn.

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Carabelli, to receive and file the information provided on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Grant proposal. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY DETROIT REGIONAL CHAMBER ON SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN DEFENSE INDUSTRY/Maureen Krauss and Justin Robinson

Justin Robinson, Business Development Representative for the Detroit Regional Chamber, Economic Development, gave a presentation entitled, "The Defense Industry in the Detroit Region." The presentation gave an overview of the significance of the defense industry in the region including numbers of contract awards, percentages of people employed in defense and facilities currently involved with defense business. Key services and strategies to grow this sector of the economy as well as opportunities for engagement on a broader scale were highlighted.

The following commissioners asked questions: Vosburg and Carabelli.

MOTION

A motion was made by Carabelli, supported by Boyle, to receive and file the presentation provided by Justin Robinson. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY U.S. ARMY TANK, AUTOMOTIVE, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING CENTER (TARDEC) – GROUND VEHICLE ROBOTICS PROGRAM ON ROBOTICS CLUSTER INDUSTRY

Paul Bunker of TARDEC provided a presentation entitled, "TARDEC Ground Vehicle Robotics." The presentation explained the mission of Ground Vehicle Robotics (GVR), highlights of current TARDEC robotics technology and activities, GVR facilities as well as opportunities for growth.

MOTION

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Boyle, to receive and file the presentation provided by Paul Bunker. **The Motion Carried.**

PRESENTATION BY LT. COL. GREG CORBETT OF THE ROBOTIC SYSTEMS JOINT PROJECT OFFICE (RS JPO)


Lt. Col. Greg Corbett of the Robotic Systems Joint Project Office gave a presentation entitled, "RSJPO Overview." The presentation identified the leadership, mission and vision of the operation and the importance of robots and Unmanned Ground Vehicles (UGVs). Robotics systems are relevant and critical to the country's defense strategy and are a permanent part of current and future plans.

MOTION

A motion was made by Boyle, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the presentation provided by Lt. Col. Greg Corbett. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mijac adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter