

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012**

At a meeting of the **Economic Development Committee**, held Wednesday, August 15, 2012, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Carabelli-Co-Chair, Flynn-Co-Chair, Gralewski, Miller, Moceri, Sabatini,  
Smith and Vosburg (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Tocco.

**Other Commissioners Also Present:**

Brown and Frascchetti.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Co-Chair Carabelli called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Gralewski, supported by Smith, to adopt the agenda, as amended (to include item #5e). **The Motion Carried.**

**REGIONAL REPORT / THE DETROIT ZOO**

**a) Presentation from Ron Kagan, Executive Director of the Detroit Zoo**

A copy of The Detroit Zoological Society Financial Statements and Supplementary Information for Year Ended December 31, 2011 and Nine Months Ended December 31, 2010 With Report of Independent Auditors was provided. The 22-page audit was prepared by the firm Ernst & Young.

A brochure entitled Detroit Zoological Society Community Report for Winter 2012 was provided.

A copy of the Detroit Zoological Society PowerPoint presentation was provided.

Ron Kagan, Executive Director of the Detroit Zoo gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key slides shown consisted of the following:

- Detroit Zoological Society
- Stats
- Public Support, 2012
- Serving Macomb County
- Serving Our Community
- DZS Efficiencies
- A Few Highlights
- A Few Awards/Recognition
- Visitor Survey Results
- Major Improvements Since 2008
- New in 2012 Cotton Family Wetlands/Boardwalk
- New Arrivals/Significant Births

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli, Miller, Flynn, Mocerri and Frascchetti.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocerri, supported by Miller, to receive and file the presentation from Ron Kagan, Executive Director of the Detroit Zoo. **The Motion Carried.**

### **b) Macomb County Zoological Authority Update**

Peggy Kennard, who is a member of the Macomb County Zoological Authority, clarified the following:

- Sue Rocca is on the Zoo Governing Board and is the Macomb County Zoological Authority's appointment to that Board.
- Matt Ahearn is Chair of the Macomb County Zoological Authority and the Macomb County Zoological Authority appointed him as second to the Zoo Governing Board.
- Elizabeth Green is a member of the Macomb County Zoological Authority.
- There are five members on the Macomb County Zoological Authority. One member recently passed away (Loretta Lyk). Therefore, the Macomb County Zoological Authority has a vacancy due to her demise. She believed it is an Executive appointment with Board concurrence.

Peggy Kennard noted that the Macomb County Zoological Authority holds meetings several times during the year.

The following commissioners spoke: Flynn, Mocerri and Frascchetti.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Mocerri, to receive and file the Macomb County Zoological Authority update. **The Motion Carried.**

**c) Receive and File Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Macomb County Zoological Authority**

Co-Chair Flynn indicated that a letter will be sent to the Office of County Executive regarding the vacancy on the Macomb County Zoological Authority.

Co-Chair Flynn noted that a lot of due diligence was put into the DIA Articles of Incorporation and he will ask Jill Smith to amend the Articles of Incorporation of the Macomb County Zoological Authority to place similar language within that document. Frank Krycia indicated that Jill Smith is currently working on it.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Smith, to receive and file the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Macomb County Zoological Authority. **The Motion Carried.**

**d) Receive and File 2011 Macomb County Zoological Authority Audit**

A copy of the Macomb County Zoological Authority Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011, as prepared by the audit firm Plante & Moran was provided.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the Macomb County Zoological Authority Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2011, as prepared by the audit firm Plante & Moran.

The following commissioners spoke: Frascchetti, Mocerri and Flynn.

Co-Chair Flynn called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

**e) Receive and File 2010 Macomb County Zoological Authority Audit**

A copy of the Macomb County Zoological Authority Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2010, as prepared by the audit firm Plante & Moran was provided.

## **MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Gralewski, to receive and file the Macomb County Zoological Authority Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ended November 30, 2010, as prepared by the audit firm Plante & Moran. **The Motion Carried.**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **a) Accept or Reject the Establishment of a Commercial Rehabilitation District for 20891 13 Mile Road, Roseville, MI \*(see below)**

A copy of the official Resolution Establishing Commercial Rehabilitation District for 20891 13 Mile, Roseville, Michigan was provided.

Mike Connor from the City of Roseville gave an overview of this request.

The following commissioners spoke: Miller, Carabelli, Frascchetti and Flynn.

\* During discussion, Frank Krycia explained the correct procedure and action that needed to be taken for this request.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SABATINI, SUPPORTED BY SMITH, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RECEIVE AND FILE THE ADOPTED RESOLUTION FROM THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE ESTABLISHING COMMERCIAL REHABILITATION DISTRICT FOR 20891 13 MILE, ROSEVILLE, MICHIGAN. FURTHER, A COPY OF THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' ACTION IS DIRECTED TO BE DELIVERED FORTHWITH TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE. (FORWARD TO THE AUGUST 16, 2012 FULL BOARD MEETING)

The following commissioner spoke: Miller.

Co-Chair Flynn called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

## **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

### **a) 2012 Budget Transfer Request / Planning and Economic Development Department**

Jeff Schroeder gave an overview of this budget transfer request.

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Mocer, supported by Gralewski, to approve an increase in the budgeted expenditures in the 2012 Planning Special Aerial Photos account (org/key 36180120) in the amount of \$88,457 from program fund balance for payment of spring 2012 digital aerial photography partnership invoice (State of Michigan \$64,419) and replacement of GIS mapping server and related computer hardware (\$15,000 estimate IT Department). 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. **Forward to the Finance Committee.**

The following commissioners spoke: Carabelli and Flynn.

Co-Chair Flynn called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **a) Receive and File Update on Upcoming Events**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Miller, supported by Sabatini, to receive and file the update on upcoming events. **The Motion Carried.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Co-Chair Carabelli announced that he and Co-Chair Flynn plan to hold a town hall meeting for ballot initiatives that will affect Macomb County.

Co-Chair Flynn noted that the Citizens Research Council will be invited to attend the town hall meeting.

Co-Chair Flynn announced that there will be a special meeting of the Economic Development Committee on August 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following the meeting of the Audit Committee. The committee will be reviewing the Recommended Budget for Special Revenue and Enterprise Funds for Fiscal Years Ending September 30, 2013 and 2014 for the Department of Roads and for MSU Extension Grants. He noted that another special meeting will be called so amendments can be offered at that time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Sabatini, supported by Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



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Committee Reporter