

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Himelhoch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Alan Himelhoch, Domanique Clemons, Jeffrey M. Peake, Gloria Nealy, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, and William Brandon.

Absent: Cheryl Sclater, Lauren Coney, Meredith Davis, and Tyler Rossmassler.

Others Present: John Ebenhoeh, Derek Bradshaw, Christine Durgan, Jason Nordberg, Sheila Taylor, Gwynneth Coselman, Kristofor Garris, and Nichole Odette.

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the November 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes as presented.

LaPointe abstained.

Peake abstained.

Motion carried.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

Jason Nordberg introduced new Planner, Kristofor Garris, who will be working in the Transportation Division.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Communications.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. FOS-11-22-07; Mt. Morris Township – John Ebenhoeh – Application For Farmland Agreement

Gwynneth Coselman stated that a question came up at the November meeting regarding whether or not there is a limit on the number of parcels per County that can be protected under P.A. 116., so she contacted the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). MDARD staff stated they were not aware of language within the legislation that would set a limit to the number of parcels, therefore leaving it up to the local unit or County to approve or deny applications.

Gwynneth Coselman provided an overview of FOS-11-22-07; Mt. Morris Township – John Ebenhoeh – Application For Farmland Agreement. John Ebenhoeh was present to provide answer questions. This is the first parcel Mr. Ebenhoeh has applied for enrollment under P.A. 116.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mike LaPointe, **Seconded by** Jeffrey M. Peake, to approve staff recommendations regarding FOS-11-22-07; Mt. Morris Township – John Ebenhoeh – Application For Farmland Agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

VIII. FINANCES

A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Contract, Vouchers and Bills.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey M. Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the December Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$63,799.02 and to authorize the proper authorities to sign the checks.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

B. Commission Expenses and Per Diems

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey M. Peake, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the Commission Expenses and Per Diems.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

C. FY 2022 Year End Budget Transfer

Derek Bradshaw stated that based on the authority given to him by the Commission to make small budget transfers, he approved one transfer between line items during the financial year-end process.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Jeffrey M. Peake, to approve the FY 2022 Year End Budget Transfer as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

1. 3-C Transportation Planning – November 2022 Status Report

Jason Nordberg stated that MDOT notified staff that the County will receive an additional \$750,000 for transportation projects, specifically road projects. Staff contacted local road agencies with FY 2023 projects and received requests for additional funding from the Road Commission, Burton, Grand Blanc, Swartz Creek, and Davison. A recommendation to split the funding between the five projects was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee and staff has updated the FY 2023 TIP to reflect each project's new allocation.

Motion: Action: Receive & File, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded** Mike LaPointe, to receive and file the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

2. Environmental Program Update – November 2022 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that staff has applied for another \$8,000 Scrap Tire Grant through EGLE. This year staff collected approximately 3,600 tires and utilized \$7,200 of the \$8,000 grant award. Staff anticipates receiving an award notification from EGLE in January or February.

Motion: Action: Receive & File, **Moved by** Jeffrey M. Peake, **Seconded by** Domonique Clemons, to receive and file the Environmental Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – November 2022 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that HUD has notified staff that approximately \$3 million in HOME ARPA funding is available for Genesee County. The funding is to be used for affordable housing and must target certain populations, including the homeless, near homeless, seniors or Veterans that could become homeless, and those fleeing domestic violence or human trafficking. The funding must be used for supportive services and non-congregate shelters, such as hotel stays, rental assistance, or building rental units. Staff has begun data analysis and consulting with local agencies that serve these populations to determine needs and gaps within the County. Staff must draft and submit an Allocation Plan to HUD by March to apply for the funding. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Receive & File, **Moved by** Mike LaPointe, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to receive and file the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. Report of the Director – November 2022 Status Report

Christine Durgan stated that the staffing changes recommended by the Personnel Committee to create a Supervisor for the Housing Program, a higher-level Planner position, and hire another Rehab Housing Specialist have been approved by the Board of Commissioners and the positions were posted last week. Staff hopes to receive applications later this month.

Motion: Action: Receive & File, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to receive and file the Report of the Director as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

B. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners made comments at this time.

Gloria Nealy gave an update on the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission's meetings and events.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Program Services Specialist
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission