

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 7, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 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, Cheryl Sclater, Domonique Clemons, Gloria Nealy, Jeffrey M. Peake, Lauren Coney, Meredith Davis, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, and Tyler Rossmassler.

Absent: William Brandon.

Others Present: Becky Nemecheck, Derek Bradshaw, Christine Durgan, Jason Nordberg, Sheila Taylor, Gwynneth Coselman, Daniel Moulton, Joe Russel, Jayna Clark, and Nichole Odette.

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the May 3, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Mike LaPointe, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Peake abstained.

Motion carried.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

No one spoke at this time.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Christine Durgan introduced our summer intern, Jayna Clark, who recently completed her first year at Grand Valley State University. Ms. Durgan also introduced two new Planners, Daniel Moulton and Joseph Russel. Daniel is a recent graduate of Central Michigan University, and he will be helping to administer the ARPA projects. Joseph is a recent graduate of Michigan State University, and he will be working on PASER road rating under the Transportation Division.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MPR-05-22-02; Argentine Township Master Plan Amendment

Gwynneth Coselman gave an overview of MPR-05-22-02; Argentine Township Master Plan Amendment. A public hearing for the Master Plan will take place on July 14, 2022. Becky Nemecheck, of Argentine Township, was present to answer questions. Staff recommends that information regarding the redevelopment of blighted areas within the Township be included in the Plan. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey M. Peake, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to approve staff recommendations regarding MPR-05-22-02; Argentine Township Master Plan Amendment.

Motion carried 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** Reggie Smith, to approve the May Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$1,447.87 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** Cheryl Sclater, to approve the Commission Expenses and Per Diems.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

C. Financial Update

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Financial Update ending April 30, 2022.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to approve the Financial Update as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

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

Jason Nordberg stated that today is the final day of the public comment period for the FY 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Final local approval for the TIP will be requested next week at the Genesee County Metropolitan Alliance (METRO)

meeting. Final approval from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FTA) is expected prior to the TIP's start date of October 1, 2022. Staff is hosting the 2022 Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) Annual Conference in downtown Flint from July 26th through July 29th. The conference schedule, tours and speakers are set, and registration is underway. Staff is reaching out to local planning and engineering firms for conference sponsorships. Cheryl Sclater requested that Mr. Nordberg contact her regarding an Elga Credit Union sponsorship.

Motion: Action: Receive & File, **Moved by** Jeffrey M. Peake, **Seconded by** 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 – May 2022 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that the first Recycle Day was held on Saturday, May 14th with an overwhelming turnout. Metro Police assisted with traffic control and a second entrance was opened due to surrounding roads being congested. The high volume of waste collected led the waste contractor to request that staff stop admitting vehicles at 12:30 p.m. 1,250 vehicles came through the event and each dropped off an average of 154 pounds of household hazardous waste. The largest waste streams were paint and electronics. The event cost approximately \$107,000 to host. Staff is once again partnering with Habitat for Humanity on a latex paint recycling program. A Tire Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, June 11th in partnership with the City of Flint and Environmental Rubber Recycling (ERR) to be held at ERR's location on Dort Highway. Approximately \$226,000 in 2nd quarter Solid Waste Ordinance fees has been collected. Staff continues to research locations for a permanent recycling site. Discussion ensued.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – May 2022 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that HUD has provided the 2022 Program Year funding allocation amounts. The County will receive \$2,903,037 in Community Development funding, which is an increase of about \$46,000 from 2021. Staff has updated the 2022 Action Plan to reflect the allocations and will submit the Plan to HUD for approval following review by the Board of Commissioners. Staff has begun working on the 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), which is an annual report to HUD that details how the previous year's funding was spent.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. Report of the Director – May 2022 Status Report

Derek Bradshaw stated that the County has received draft floor plans from the architect for the new County building. The team heading up the move will meet with all Department heads to review and request input on the proposed plans. The County budget process has begun, and draft budgets have been submitted. The most notable

change from last year is the dramatic increase in healthcare costs. Most of the ARPA contracts with the local units of government have been signed. Richfield Township has withdrawn their request for ARPA funding to purchase a backup generator due to restrictions related to approved ARPA expenditures. Staff will set up potential dates for the GCMPC Commissioners to tour the tower building. Discussion ensued.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

Chairperson Himelhoch asked for clarification regarding HUD's close out of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) scheduled to take place at the end of September. Sheila Taylor explained that GCMPC is one of twelve communities in Michigan that have NSP funds remaining. HUD's requirements for utilizing NSP funds have not changed from the onset of the Program, but the housing market has bounced back. Only foreclosed homes in certain target areas can be purchased. Additionally, program income must be spent before spending the original line of credit issued to the County. Staff's request to waive the cap on demolitions funded through the Program was denied. HUD did approve staff's Neighborhood Purchase Rehab Resale Program (NPRR) in 2020, so that NSP program income could be receipted in as CDBG revenue. Two homes have been purchased to rehab. At this time, approximately \$1 million NSP grant funds remain. HUD will recapture any unspent funds when the Program is closed out. Discussion ensued.

B. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners made comments at this time.

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

Chairperson Himelhoch stated that the next meeting will be held a week later, on July 12th, due to the Fourth of July holiday.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

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