

**GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Dr. Beverly Brown, Gloria Nealy, Jeffrey M. Peake, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, and William Brandon.

**Absent:** Tyler Rossmassler, Lauren Coney, and Martin L. Cousineau.

**Others Present:** Derek Bradshaw, Christine Durgan, Sheila Taylor, Jacob Maurer, and Renate Soto.

**III. MINUTES**

**A. Minutes of the June 4, 2024 Regular Meeting**

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** William Brandon, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Peake, to approve the June 4, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(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**

Derek Bradshaw reminded Commissioners of the tour of the Tower Project at the conclusion of today's meeting.

Derek Bradshaw mentioned that we received notification of the City of Montrose's proposed Master Plan, which staff will review and present recommendations at the August meeting.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no Committee Reports.

Derek Bradshaw mentioned that staff will be attending a budget hearing with the County Board of Commissioners tomorrow, then subsequently, the Planning Commission will hold the Budget Committee meeting in September.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **VIII. FINANCES**

### **A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills**

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Contract, Vouchers and Bills.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Peake, to approve the July Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$5,322.79 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 Peake, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, 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 May 31, 2024.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Dr. Beverly Brown, 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 – June 2024 Status Report**

Jacob Maurer stated that staff will be tentatively scheduling the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Call for Projects in late August. Official projections from MDOT are expected later this month, but typically we receive around \$10-\$13 million per fiscal year in federal and state funding to allocate, not including local matches provided by local communities and agencies. Staff will be working with the Transportation System Management (TSM) sub-committee to review policies and procedures and funding estimates. Mr. Maurer provided an update on the US-23 Corridor Traffic Study. Staff has begun to review and score five proposals received from area consultants to develop the Safety Action Plan, using \$400,000.00 in awarded grant funding. The second phase of scoring will be interviews to be scheduled in early July. Once interviews have been completed, staff will bring a consultant recommendation to the Planning Commission. In regard to preparation for the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), staff has begun to

gather and calculate new socio-economic projections, a key part of the Travel Demand Model and a requirement for the LRTP.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded** Mike LaPointe, to approve the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

## **2. Environmental Program Update – June 2024 Status Report**

Sheila Taylor stated the June Recycle Day was held on June 18, at which time 182 vehicles dropped off a variety of HHW. After receiving feedback on social media regarding how quickly the event timeslots fill up and how the number of events has decreased, staff met with Chairperson Himelhoch to decide how to proceed with the future event registration. It was decided to hold registration for 2 full days, allowing participants an equal and fair chance to sign up for the event. 504 residents registered and will be divided equally between the last 2 scheduled events, in July and August. Staff is looking into increasing the budget to add an additional event, to be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval. Information regarding the permanent facility is being conveyed to residents via our website, through social media and when event registration takes place. Ms. Taylor presented some drone video footage and pictures of the demolition progress of the McDonald Dairy site, where the new facility will be built. Burnash Wrecking began demolition approximately June 17<sup>th</sup> and is anticipated to take around 3 months. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to approve the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

## **3. Community Development Program – June 2024 Status Report**

Sheila Taylor stated that staff has been working on the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), the report that is sent to HUD detailing expenditures in the program year. In 2023, \$3.4 million was spent between block grant, ESG and HOME programs. A public hearing will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Derek Bradshaw pointed out that both Chris Durgan and Sheila Taylor recently were recognized by the HUD Field Office in Detroit for their efforts in administering the Community Development programs.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

## **4. American Rescue Plan Act – June 2024 Status Report**

Chris Durgan provided an update on the Senior Center projects, in which each Genesee County Senior Center was awarded \$100,000 in ARPA funding. After some delays with the Environmental Review process requirements, staff is beginning to get approvals and projects are beginning to move forward. To date, four contracts have been signed to purchase vehicles or install HVAC improvements, with the hopes that all contracts will be signed by the end of summer. ARPA funds have been very helpful in providing opportunities for some of our communities to take on some large-scale waterline and sewer projects. Staff has worked with Genesee County Water and Waste to coordinate

these projects. Over \$17 million in ARPA funds will be invested in some of our local communities including Fenton, Mundy and Grand Blanc Townships. Discussion ensued.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Dr. Beverly Brown, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

### **5. Report of the Director – June 2024 Status Report**

Derek Bradshaw stated staff has received verbal notification of the approval of the MSHDA grant that we applied for in partnership with Habitat for Humanity to do a roof program. Habitat will use the funding for City of Flint residents and GCMPC will utilize funding for County residents outside of the City. With our current Home Improvement Program, we serve residents that fall under 80% the area median income levels but with this new funding, the hopes are that residents that fall under 120% of area median income levels will qualify, which would allow us to serve more residents. Mr. Bradshaw provided an update on our housing initiative, stating that our HUD money and potential funding from the Treasurer will give us about \$10 million toward a housing push. In the state budget, Genesee County has been identified to receive around \$10 million for housing as well. Details to follow.

**Motion: Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Dr. Beverly Brown, to approve 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 of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission's meetings and events.

Chairperson Himelhoch stated that he will be out of the country for the next meeting in August.

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 8:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renate Soto, Program Services Specialist

Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission