

At 7:08 p.m. the Regular meeting was called to order by Chair Piotrowski on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 remotely via Zoom.

Commissioners Present: Mark Piotrowski, Chair
Jason Hammond – Vice Chair
Bruce Kantor, City Council Liaison
Anna Thompson, Secretary
Wilbert Fobbs, III, Resident
Les Stansbery, Resident

Excused: Commissioner - Charito Hulleza

This meeting is being held remotely. All Commissioners who were present announced they are in Lathrup Village, Michigan, Oakland County with the exception of Anna Thompson who is located in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Washtenaw County.

Staff Present: Dr. Sheryl Mitchell, City Administrator, Susie Stec, Community and Economic Development Manager, Yvette Talley, City Clerk

Also Present: Scott Baker, City Attorney, Matthew Wojciechowski and Eric Pietsch of Giffels Webster

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken. Motion by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to excuse Commissioner Charito Hulleza from this meeting.

Yes: Fobbs, Hammond, Kantor, Piotrowski, Stansbery, Thompson

No: None

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Kantor, seconded by Commissioner Hammond to approve the Agenda.

Yes: Fobbs, Hammond, Kantor, Piotrowski, Stansbery, Thompson

No: None

Motion carried.

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL ON FEBRUARY 8, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Kantor, seconded by Commissioner Stansbery to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2021.

Yes: Fobbs, Hammond, Kantor, Piotrowski, Stansbery, Thompson
No: None
Motion carried.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Motion by Commissioner Kantor, seconded by Commissioner Stansbery to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021.

Yes: Fobbs, Hammond, Kantor, Piotrowski, Stansbery, Thompson
No: None
Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Hearing -2021-2026 Capital Improvements Plan

Susie Stec gave an overview and answered specific questions. Chair Piotrowski opened the public hearing. Chair Piotrowski closed the public hearing.

Lillian Lowery- 18476 Roseland requested the link to be posted in the chat and it was posted by Susie Stec.

OLD BUSINESS and TABLED ITEMS

A. Capital Improvements Plan – Final Draft

Matthew Wojciechowski gave an overview and answered specific questions.

Commissioner Hammond asked questions about the CIP projects and stated that the inventory list should be updated.

Lillian Lowrey- 18476 Roseland asked question if CIP projects will be funded by city budget or through the milage?

Susie Stec stated there are no new mileages for CIP, they are budgeted through general budget and grants. Projects funded through bonds are for the roads and infrastructure.

Motion by Commissioner Hammond, seconded by Commissioner Stansbery to approve the 2021-2016 Capital Improvements Plan Draft with corrections and recommend viewing by City Council.

Yes: Fobbs, Hammond, Kantor, Piotrowski, Stansbery, Thompson

No: None

Motion carried.

B. Zoning Amendments – Building Materials Discussion

Susie Stec gave an overview and answered specific questions.

Discussed: Facing Street, park or plaza: At least 75% of all exterior building facades facing a street park or plaza shall be finished with a combination of two or more of the following – glass, brick, cut or cast stone, wood, cementitious board, integrally colored concrete units with brick proportions and textured stucco. Facing other buildings at least 50% of the exterior façade buildings shall consist of the materials previously mentioned and may include split-faced, scored, or fluted block. For single-family residential buildings, vinyl siding is permitted and alternative materials.

C. Schedule a Public Hearing for April 20, 2021 – Zoning Amendments – Building Materials

Susie Stec gave an overview and answered specific questions.

Motion by Board Member Stansbery, seconded by Board member Kantor to schedule a public hearing on Zoning Amendments – Building Materials for April 20, 2021.

Yes: Fobbs, Hammond, Kantor, Piotrowski, Stansbery, Thompson

No: None

Motion carried.

D. Comprehensive Plan – Implementation Strategies & Final Draft

Susie Stec gave an overview and answered specific questions. Board member Thompson commented on making this more of a priority - working with SMART (bus stops).

Eric Pietsch, Giffels Webster gave an overview and answered specific questions.

Motion by Board Member Thompson, seconded by Board Member Hammond to forward this item to City Council with the change that was discussed.

Yes: Fobbs, Hammond, Kantor, Piotrowski, Stansbery, Thompson

No: None

Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Board Member Kantor stated capital improvements bond repairs are moving forward for sewers, water improvements and fire hydrants. Letters are being mailed regarding sidewalk repair program and the first phase we will be identifying sidewalk defects. Late May businesses and residents should receive final costs of their sidewalk responsibility. Sidewalk program will begin late Summer/early Fall.

GENERAL COMMUNICATION & CORRESPONDENCE

a. Legal Update

Scott Baker, City Attorney stated City still has a local state of emergency that will remain in effect and we will be able to continue meeting remotely via Zoom until the Mayor and City Council revokes it.

b. Staff Update

Susie Stec said – gave an update on the new Municode software.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Kantor, seconded by Commissioner Hammond to adjourn this meeting.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by Yvette Talley

Recording Secretary