

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MARCH 19, 2007
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by Chairman Mike Thomas.

2. Roll Call:

Chairman Mike Thomas, Vice Chair Peter Porciello, Corporation Members Pamela Jeffers, Mary Sapienza, Dean Atkins, and Dan Frank. Absent: Michelle Hyne & Adam Lesperance.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, Community Development Director Alison Alfredson, EDC Attorney John Gormley, and citizen Rachel Olson.

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Atkins**, to excuse Hyne. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

3. Audience Participation:

Chairman Thomas called for public comment at this time and there was none.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Atkins**, to approve the agenda as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Jeffers**, to reconsider the approval of the agenda. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Jeffers**, to amend the agenda to change the March minutes to February minutes. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

5. EDC Regular Minutes of February 19, 2007:

On page 1, item 2, 2 lines down, delete "Peter Porciello".

Motion by **Jeffers**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the minutes of February 19, 2007 as amended. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

6. Accounts Payable:

None.

7. Staff Reports

7a. Treasurer:

A financial printout was received from the City Treasurer.

7b. Community Development Director:

Director Alfredson submitted a written report for DDA review and added the Farmers' Market will be in the two parking lots at the corners of High and Putnam Streets due to the negativity from drivers passing by. She added that the STDI meeting is on April 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with free food and a slideshow presentation afterwards at 7:00 p.m. Alfredson encouraged everyone to attend or send a representative. The first STDI meeting had a turn out of only thirty people.

Member Sapienza and Jeffers felt that there was visioning session, Master Plan meetings, etc. and nothing happens as a result.

Chairman Thomas commented that during the Council presentation there were pictures of plans that actually happened in other cities in Michigan.

Director Alfredson commented that they are working on improving the town and want people to help them do so. She added that there is a free marketing work shop on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

Chairman Thomas commented that he would like the Business Retention to meet to divide the businesses between the group and talk to them about what their needs are.

9. Action Items

9a. Granger Agreement Amendment:

Motion by **Jeffers**, second by **Frank**, to agree with the Granger amendment in principal and authorize the attorney to draft an agreement with Granger to make Innovation Dr. a private drive. Yes: Frank, Jeffers, Thomas, Atkins, Porciello, Sapienza. No: None. **Motion passed.**

9b. Termination of Lease:

Motion by **Jeffers**, second by **Atkins**, to table the termination of lease until the next meeting. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Jeffers**, to reconsider the approval of the agenda and add the SME questionnaire as 9c. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

9c. SME Questionnaire:

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Jeffers**, to authorize the EDC Attorney to complete the owners' questionnaire for SME. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

13. Audience Participation:

Chairman Thomas called for public comment at this time and there was none.

14. Attorney Comments:

None.

15. Corporation Member Comments:

Member Atkins asked if the EDC has any influence over the repairs of Williamston Rd. at I-96.

Member Jeffers asked who she should talk to regarding the lack of lighting outside the public services building. This will be on the next agenda.

16. Adjournment:

Motion by **Sapienza**, second by **Frank**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted by: _____
Holly M. Thompson, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: _____