

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
FEBRUARY 16, 2009
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Chairman Pete Porciello.

2. Roll Call:

Chairman Pete Porciello, Vice Chairman Dean Atkins, Corporation Members Paul Joseph, Kathleen DeForest, Adam Lesperance, Mike Thomas, Rachel Olson, and Council Representative Traci Smith. Absent: None.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, EDC Attorney John Gormley, McKenna Representative Bryce Kelley, and Farmers' Market Applicant Christine Miller.

3. Audience Participation:

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

4. Approval of Agenda:

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

5. EDC Special Minutes January 19, 2009:

Motion by **Thomas**, second by Joseph, to approve the EDC special minutes of January 19, 2009 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

6. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Lesperance**, second by **Atkins**, to approve the bill from Attorney Gormley in the amount of \$33.44 as presented. Yes: Joseph, DeForest, Atkins, Porciello, Smith, Thomas, Olson, Lesperance. No: None. **Motion passed.**

7. Staff Reports

7a. City Treasurer's Report:

A financial printout for January was submitted for EDC review.

7b. Community Development Director:

Director Aniol submitted a written report and added that the Business Retention Committee met with Sue Pigg of the Ingham County EDC to talk about how to bring business into the community. Director Aniol stated that she will e-mail the Business Retention Committee minutes.

8. Presentation: Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and the Role of the EDC:

Bryce Kelley of McKenna presented information to the EDC regarding the use of MSHDA grants to rehabilitate foreclosed homes in Williamston. The EDC could purchase a foreclosed home for a reduced amount from the bank, rehabilitate the home, sell it, and receive a grant from the MSHDA for any expenses incurred with the project. He left his phone number for members to call with questions.

9. Action Items

9a. Hire New Farmers' Market Manager:

Motion by **Thomas**, second by **Joseph**, to hire Christine Miller as the Farmers' Market Manager for 2009 at \$12 per hour as a temporary/part-time employee for no more than 180 hours until June 2009. Yes: Olson, DeForest, Lesperance, Joseph, Porciello, Thomas. No: Smith, Atkins. **Motion passed.**

Motion by **Thomas**, second by **Atkins**, to immediately have the EDC cut all ties with the Farmers' Market. Yes: Atkins, Smith, Thomas. No: Joseph, DeForest, Porciello, Olson, Lesperance. **Motion failed.**

10. Audience Participation:

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

11. Adjournment:

Motion by **Atkins**, second by **Thomas**, to adjourn. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

***THE PRECEDING MINUTES ARE A SYNOPSIS OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MEETING AND DO NOT REPRESENT A VERBATIM RECORD.**

Respectfully Submitted by: _____

Holly M. Thompson, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: _____