

**CITY OF WILLIAMSTON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
AUGUST 21, 2006
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:49 p.m. by Chair Thomas.

2. Roll Call:

Chair Mike Thomas, Vice Chair Pete Porciello, Corporation Members Adam Lesperance, Dan Frank, Pam Jeffers, Mary Sapienza, and Council Representative Michelle Hyne. Absent: None.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, Community Development Director Alison Alfredson, EDC Attorney John Gormley, Ingham County EDC Representative Sue Pigg, and Mayor Ken Zichi.

3. Audience Participation:

Sue Pigg commented that she will not be able to attend all of the EDC meetings due to scheduling conflicts but she still will be available to the members for assistance. Discussion ensued as to the status of the agreement between the City and the Ingham County EDC. She added that the REDTeam is either going to dissolve or merge with another committee.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by **Jeffers**, second by **Frank**, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion passed by voice vote.

5. EDC Minutes of June 19, 2006 & Special Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2006:

Motion by **Lesperance**, second by **Jeffers**, to approve the regular EDC minutes of June 19, 2006 and special meeting minutes of June 27, 2006 as presented.

Motion passed by voice vote.

6. Accounts Payable:

Motion by **Frank**, second by **Jeffers**, to approve the supplemental bill from EDC Attorney John Gormley in the amount of \$53.50 as presented. Yes: Thomas, Sapienza, Porciello, Hyne, Lesperance, Frank, Jeffers. No: None. **Motion passed.**

7. Staff Reports

7a. City Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dolley submitted a July financial report for EDC review.

7b. Community Development Director:

Director Alfredson submitted a written report and added that the owners of the old JC Towing building have decided that they do not want to demolish the building, but will be making improvements to it.

Member Frank commented that the downspout is missing from the North East end of the Habitat for Humanity building and is washing away the new plantings. He asked if Director Alfredson could follow up on this issue.

8. Ingham County EDC Report:

Sue Pigg submitted a written report for EDC review.

9. Committee/Sub-Committee Reports

9a. Property Committee:

No report.

10. Action Items

10a. Habitat for Humanity Lease:

The EDC was unsure whether the nine spaces in the back lot had been striped. Member Porciello said he would follow up on this. Attorney Gormley also stated that the second addendum still has not been signed by Debi Drick.

Motion by **Jeffers**, second by **Sapienza**, to postpone action on the Habitat for Humanity Lease until next month. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

10b. Cool Cities Advisory Board Appointment:

Motion by **Frank**, second by **Lesperance**, to appoint member Porciello with member Jeffers as the alternate to the Cool Cities Advisory Board. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

11. Discussion Items

11a. Recruitment of New Members:

Deputy Clerk Thompson distributed a board application to each member. Member Frank will ask the Chamber if they might want to have a member on the board.

14. Audience Participation:

Ken Zichi commented on the Letter to the Editor from Dennis Hunt regarding the condition of the City and the views of the City leaders and that he was not contacted by this individual nor was the Mayor Pro-tem. He stressed that change takes time and the City is working on that.

15. Attorney Comments:

None.

16. Corporation Member Comments:

None.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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

Date Approved: _____