

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

**1. Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. in the Williamston City Hall Council Chambers by Chairman Mike Thomas.

**2. Roll Call:**

Chairman Mike Thomas, Vice Chair Pete Porciello, Corporation Members Dean Atkins, Dan Frank, Rachel Olson, Adam Lesperance, Mary Sapienza, and Council Representative Michelle Hyne. Absent: None.

Also Present:

Deputy Clerk Holly Thompson, Community Development Director Michelle Aniol, EDC Attorney John Gormley, Farmers' Market Manager Kris Schlicker, and citizen Wendy Schaft.

**3. Audience Participation:**

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

**4. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**5. EDC Regular Minutes of October 15, 2007:**

Motion by **Porciello**, second by **Sapienza**, to approve the EDC regular minutes of October 15, 2007 as presented. **Motion passed by voice vote.**

**6. Staff Reports**

**6a. City Treasurer's Report:**

A financial printout for September was submitted for EDC review.

**6b. Community Development Director:**

No report.

**7. Action Items**

**7a. Farmers Market:**

**1. Michigan Farmers Market Association Membership:**

Motion by **Hyne**, second by **Porciello**, to approve the membership application in the amount of \$75 to the Michigan Farmers Market

Association. Yes: Atkins, Hyne, Frank, Lesperance, Porciello, Sapienza, Thomas, Olson. No: None. **Motion passed.**

**2. Farmers' Market Manager Report:**

Market Manager Kris Schlicker submitted a written report about the Farmers' Market for EDC review.

The EDC discussed the ideas for the electric outlets at the market site and how they need to go about getting it into the plan before the parking lot is paved.

Wendy Schaft commented that she would like to make sure that the plans to pave the parking lot and the plans to put in electrical outlets coincide so new construction is not being torn up. She suggested the outlets be part of the light poles.

Member Porciello commented that someone will need to have access to turn the power on and off to the outlets.

Member Frank asked what the timeline is for paving the parking lot.

Director Aniol responded that she does not know.

Wendy Schaft commented that she does not see the reason to have the barricades up during the Farmers' Market.

Chairman Thomas commented that the barricades are up for safety reasons.

The EDC asked Ms. Schlicker if she would be willing to do the market next year.

Ms. Schlicker responded that she was not sure, it would depend on her schedule and whether the EDC comes up with a more defined plan for the market.

The EDC commended Ms. Schlicker on doing a great job with the Farmers' Market.

Director Aniol asked if the EDC had looked into sponsors for the market.

The EDC replied that they had not done so.

Members Porciello, Hyne, Thomas, and Frank volunteered to serve on the Farmers' Market sub-committee.

**3. Farmers' Market Questionnaire:**

No discussion.

**13. Audience Participation:**

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

**14. Attorney Comments:**

Attorney Gormley commented that the title company the EDC was using for the property swap with the TIFA has gone out of business. The title work may have to be re-done.

**15. Corporation Member Comments:**

Member Sapienza commented that she has bought merchandise from Limner Press and likes it.

Member Porciello thanked Ms. Schlicker and Ms. Schaft for attending the meeting and echoed Sapienza's comments.

Member Atkins thanked Ms. Sclicker for her work with the Farmers' Market and encouraged everyone to stop by the new glass blowing shop downtown.

Chairman Thomas commented that in light of Thanksgiving he is thankful for the members that continue to serve on the EDC.

**16. Adjournment:**

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

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**

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Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Holly M. Thompson, Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_