

**MINUTES OF THE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2009**

At a meeting of the **Finance Committee**, held Wednesday, August 26, 2009, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Kepler-Chair, Accavitti, Boyle, Brdak, Brown, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Carabelli, Crouchman, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegem, Lampar, Mijac, Mocerri, Rengert, Rocca, Sauger, Sprys, Szczepanski, Tocco and Vosburg.

Absent and excused was Torrice.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Kepler called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

Chair Kepler asked that #12 (appointment of law firm) be removed because the case has been settled and that the Executive Session be moved up after Public Participation.

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Camphous-Peterson, supported by Carabelli, to adopt the agenda, as amended (and to include #13c and d (resolutions), #15 and five additional travel requests).

Mr. Diegel asked that #9 (creation of Economic Recovery Zone) be moved up since bond counsel was present. That was agreed to by the maker and supporter.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion, as amended, and **The Motion Carried.**

**MINUTES**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to approve the July 22, 2009 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CREATION OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY ZONE**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY CARABELLI, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY ZONE.

Mr. Axe provided an overview.

The following commissioners spoke: Brown, Doherty, Duzyj, Szczepanski and J. Flynn.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Lampar, to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and labor negotiations.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Voting Yes were Accavitti, Boyle, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, Carabelli, Crouchman, DiMaria, Doherty, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegghem, Lampar, Mijac, Mocerri, Rengert, Rocca, Sauger, Sprys, Szczepanski, Torrice, Vosburg, Bruley and Kepler. There were 25 “Yes” votes.

**The Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, committee entered Executive Session at 9:23 a.m., with it concluding at 11:37 a.m.

**LIST OF BILLS AS PREPARED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Foster indicated that the attorney bill for the case of EllisDon has been removed from the system and should not be included in the list of bills.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DUZYJ, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE MONTHLY BILLS, WITH THE DELETION OF THE ATTORNEY BILL FOR KITCH, DRUTCHAS, WAGNER, VALITUTTI & SHERBROOK FOR THE CASE OF ELLISDON OF MI., INC., V COUNTY

OF MACOMB, AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT; FURTHER, TO APPROVE THE PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,168,795.76 WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS TO THE APPROPRIATIONS. **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH SPRYS ABSTAINING FROM BILLS FOR ADAM LATRA (FEES-DEFENSE ATTORNEYS).**

**ADOPT AMENDED 2009 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE AMENDED 2009 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REQUEST BY TREASURER TO CONTRACT TO COLLECT DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR TOWNSHIP OF ARMADA**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SZCZEPANSKI, SUPPORTED BY VOSBURG, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONTRACT TO COLLECT DELINQUENT PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ARMADA.

The following commissioner spoke: Vosburg,

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REQUEST FROM ANGELS' PLACE FOR EXEMPTION FROM LIVING WAGE POLICY**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VOSBURG, SUPPORTED BY LAMPAR, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM ANGELS' PLACE FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE LIVING WAGE POLICY FOR THE CURRENT CONTRACT PERIOD. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**REPORT FROM FINANCE DEPT. ON ATTORNEY COST AND SETTLEMENTS FOR FIVE YEAR PERIOD**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Tocco, to receive and file the report from the Finance Department on attorney cost and settlements for the five year period 2004-2008 and YTD 2009.

The following commissioners spoke: Bruley, Szczepanski and Tocco.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

#### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, SUPPORTED BY SPRYS, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

COMMENDING THE ANTON ART CENTER – 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY BRULEY);

COMMENDING BRIDGIT DeCARLO FOR BEING HONORED BY THE MACOMB COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION (OFFERED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON AND LAMPAR);

COMMENDING THE ITALIAN TRIBUNE ON THEIR 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR) AND

TRIBUTE TO MARLENE BAKER (OFFERED BY BOARD CHAIR).

#### **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

### **TRAVEL REQUESTS**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by DiMaria, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to approve the travel requests, as submitted.

Commissioner Boyle requested separation of the requests from the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on all travel requests with the exception of those separated and **The Motion Carried.**

The following commissioners spoke: Doherty and Tocco.

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Bruley, supported by Sprys, to reconsider action taken on the requests from the Veterans Services Department. **The Motion Carried.**

### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Sprys, supported by Tocco, to postpone the travel requests submitted by the Veterans Services Department to Thursday's Full Board meeting.

The following commissioner spoke: Doherty.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

### **Planning & Economic Development Department**

Chair Kepler indicated that a two-thirds vote was needed for both requests.

#### **Request to Israel**

The following commissioners spoke: Szczepanski and Bruley.

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried** with Boyle voting "No."

#### **Request to China**

Chair Kepler called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried** with Boyle, Doherty and Duzyj voting "No."

### **ADJOURNMENT**

#### **MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Sprys, to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.  
**The Motion Carried.**

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Committee Reporter