

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Pro-Tem Gail McLeod
Brownstown Twp.	Deputy Supervisor Barbara Warren
Dearborn	Mayor Jack O'Reilly
Dearborn Heights	Mayor Dan Paletko
Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	Mayor Pro-tem Denis Boismier & Mayor Jim Gorris
Grosse Ile Twp.	
Huron Twp.	
Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
Melvindale	Mayor Pro-Tem Wheeler Marsee
River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
Riverview	Councilman Elmer Trombley
Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
Romulus	Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
Southgate	John Zech, City Administrator
Taylor	
Trenton	Alternate Jim Wagner, City Administrator
Woodhaven	
Wyandotte	

Chair, Mayor Dan Guzzi opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m

Agenda: Motion by Mayor O'Reilly, supported by Mayor Paletko, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Tidwell, supported by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 3/2/2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

Minutes of 3/23/17: Motion by Mayor Dropiewski, supported by Councilman Trombley, to accept the Executive-Finance Committee minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Audit Presentation: Beth Bialy & Kristin Hunt of Plante Moran reported Kristin Hunt referenced the graph presentation of the audit for Board Members to review (included in the agenda packet). Kristin and Beth walked the Board through the DCC audit highlights. The audit received an "unmodified opinion"; the highest possible audit opinion. The General Fund had an \$8,393 net increase in fund balance, bringing fund balance to \$233,970. The Employment & Training, Weatherization, Transportation, and Mental Health First Aid special revenue funds had fund deficits at year-end, due to a GASB 33 timing difference. There were no "true" deficits in DCC Funds, except for the Transportation Fund due to expenditures exceeding revenues. The Building Fund had an increase in net position of \$17,652 – net position is at \$728,028.

The federal program audit had no findings related to Employment Services, Workforce Investment Act, Brownfields Grant, and DOE Weatherization. There was, however, a repeat finding related to the Brownfields Grant. The Programs tested were DOE Weatherization, Workforce Investment Act, and Employment Services. Unmodified opinion for all programs – highest possible audit opinion. There was a financial statement finding related to journal entries that were required during the audit and a finding related to sub-recipient monitoring. A plan has already been put in place to correct these in the future.

Audit (continued).

Beth and Kristin thanked Maria Mancos, Nicole Chavez and their Fiscal Team, giving them accolades for working with \$12 million in federal and state grant dollars and meeting all those compliance requirements and rules.

Motion by Mayor Paletko, supported by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to accept the audit as presented, commending management and staff for handling the \$14 million in funding. The motion passed unanimously.

Deficit Elimination Plan: Maria Mancos reported that the State of Michigan now requires a deficit elimination plan be filed at the same time audit statements are completed. In addition, the State requires a board resolution be filed at the same time. The Deficit Elimination Plan – DCC provides a fee-for-service transportation program which is included in the Transportation Fund. During the current year, the fees charged for this program were \$1,437 less than the cost to provide the service. DCC increased the service fees as of January 2017. The new fee structure is intended to eliminate this deficit in the future. DCC will continue to analyze the fees charged each year to ensure they are adequate to cover the cost of the program.

Motion by Mayor Paletko, supported by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to authorize the submission of the deficit elimination plan to the State of Michigan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to support the City of Trenton: Alternate Jim Wagner of Trenton reported.

The City of Trenton requested the DCC Board support them in its effort to obtain and redevelop the former McLouth Steel 188 acre site, currently in foreclosure, which is located on a prime piece of waterfront property along the Detroit River in their community. The site poses numerous obstacles to redevelopment, particularly the environmental issues. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established funding for a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to clean up abandoned or under-utilized sites, industrial or commercial, that are contaminated lands, acknowledging EPA's commitment to assist communities to revitalize such property and restore economic vitality to the areas where they exist. DCC has been operating the very successful and nationally renowned Brownfield Redevelopment Program for twenty years, with a grant by the EPA to continue the Brownfield redevelopment of designated sites in the Downriver/Monroe area; and create employment opportunities within the Downriver Area Brownfield Coalition (DABC) Communities. Discussion followed of DCC's Brownfield Program working with Trenton on this effort. There was also discussion of others potentially interested in the site. Motion by Mayor O'Reilly, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Boismier, that the DCC Board supports Trenton's efforts to obtain and redevelop the former McLouth Steel property currently in foreclosure. The motion passed unanimously. Board members emphasized their support of Trenton.

Remarks from the Audience:

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner: The Board thanked Sue Pilon and Cari Eggleton for their time and effort spent on the recent anniversary dinner event. It was a great success!

Thank you: Cari Eggleton thanked the Board members for their prayers and support after the loss of her son in April.

Motion by Councilman Trombley, supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Boismier, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. Next meeting is scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.