DOWNRIVER COMMUNITY CONFERENCE REGULAR MEETING – December 6, 2018

Present:

Allen Park

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Brownstown Twp.

Dearborn

Dearborn Heights Ecorse

Flat Rock

Gibraltar

Grosse Ile Twp. Huron Twp. Lincoln Park

Melvindale

River Rouge

Riverview Rockwood

Romulus Southgate

Taylor

Trenton

Woodhaven Wyandotte Mayor Bill Matakas

Treasurer Barbara Warren

Mayor Dan Paletko Mayor Lamar Tidwell

Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski

Mayor Jim Gorris

Supervisor Brian Loftus Supervisor David Glaab Mayor Tom Karnes

Mayor Michael Bowdler

Councilman Elmer Trombley & Mayor Andy Swift

Mayor Dan Guzzi

Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director Alternate Dustin Lent, City Administrator

Jim Wagner, Economic Development Coordinator

Councilwoman Jan Sikes
Alternate Larry Stec, City Clerk

The Chair, Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski opened the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

<u>Agenda:</u> Motion by Delegate Wagner, supported by Delegate Keyes, to accept the agenda as presented, adding two new business items: Deficit Elimination Plan and Associate Membership Dues. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Supervisor Glaab, to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting of 10/4/2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

Minutes of 11/7/2018: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Glaab, to approve the Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 11/7/2018 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Revised Fiscal Policies</u>: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Delegate Keyes, to accept the Fiscal Policies as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

By-Laws Revision: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Delegate Wagner, to approve the By-laws revision as presented related to allowing for Associate Membership. The motion passed unanimously. The revision was initially presented at the 10-4-2018 meeting with final approval to occur at the December 2018 meeting. 'Associate Membership' - to be added under ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP:

C. Associate Membership: An Associate Membership of the Downriver Community Conference (DCC) may consist of any city, village, township, county, authority or other entity constituting a public agency as such term is defined in the Urban Cooperation Act of the State of Michigan, as amended. Associate Members of the DCC may participate and be actively involved in those specialty programs of the DCC (i.e. Brownfield Consortium, Economic Development) as designated by the full board. Associate Members possess no DCC voting rights. No full members of the DCC are eligible to become associate members. Such Associate Membership must be approved prior to, and as a condition of, the effectiveness of such membership by an affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full DCC Board of Directors.

<u>Nominating Committee Report</u>: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Glaab, to accept the following slate of nominations of current serving officers (with election to take place at the February 7, 2019 board meeting):

Chair:

Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski, Flat Rock Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township

Vice Chair Treasurer

Mayor Lamar Tidwell, Ecorse

Secretary

Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director, Romulus

The motion passed unanimously.

<u>2019 Board Meeting Dates</u>: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Gorris, to accept the meeting dates as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>DCC / CWW Mixer (Meet & Greet):</u> Scheduled for Friday, February 8, 2019 at 8:30 am, will be hosted by Romulus at the Romulus Athletic Center. The CWW Board Meeting immediately follows at 9:30 am if anyone is able to stay.

New Business:

<u>Deficit Elimination Plan</u>: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Supervisor Linko, to accept the Deficit Elimination Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Associate Membership Dues: The Executive-Finance Committee reviewed the three possible scenarios presented and recommends Scenario #3, which represents a fixed rate based on population plus a per capita rate of .075 amount. Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Gorris, to approve the Associate Membership rate as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items:

Thank you and presentation by City of Trenton: Delegate Jim Wagner thanked DCC for assisting the City of Trenton with the McLouth Steel sale. He presented a plaque to DCC, with special thanks to Jim Perry, former Riverview Mayor Tim Durand, Mayor Andy Swift of Riverview, Supervisor Brian Loftus of Grosse Ile Township and Supervisor Brian Loftus of Brownstown Township for their support. He also thanked Congresswoman Dingell's office, the County Commission, the County, and Paula Boase for their support. Emphasizing the ideal situation where all government entities worked together to make it happen. All applauded.

'Presented to Downriver Community Conference with our esteem gratitude, recognition and appreciation for your leadership, support and tireless efforts on behalf of the City of Trenton and their citizens in redeveloping the McLouth Steel Site – from the Elected Officials and Citizens of the City of Trenton, November 2018'

Motion by Delegate Keys, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.