

**CITY OF EAST LANSING
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 12, 2012**

Present: Beard, Loomis, Power, Triplett, Goddeeris
Absent: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Goddeeris. The meeting was held in Courtroom #2 of the 54-B District Court, 101 Linden Street, East Lansing.

Item 1 **Communication from Audience**

- David Hudgins, 117 Gunson Street, spoke in support of structural change to grandfathered property.
- Matt Hagan, 927 East Grand River Avenue, spoke in support of structural change to grandfathered property.
- Owen Irvine, SRP Management, Inc., spoke in support of structural change to grandfathered property.
- Brian Hagan, 927 E. Grand River Avenue, spoke regarding non-conforming zoning use and potential draft ordinance to replace existing ordinance.
- Grant Johnson, 140 Bessemaur Drive, spoke in opposition to de-commissioning of Cable, Internet & Technology Commission.

Item 2 **Approval of the Minutes**

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Power to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2012 work session.

ALL YEAS
MOTION CARRIED

Item 3 **City Center II – Risk/Rewards Assessment**

Tim Dempsey, Planning and Community Development Director, and Lori Mullins, Community and Economic Development Administrator, reviewed top 10 rewards and risks lists for City Center II, as prepared by staff. Councilmember Power also distributed a list of risk factors, reward factors, and exit strategy in the event of rejection or project failure.

Council discussed items on rewards and risks lists, additional information requested before June 26 meeting, history of long term project, ownership of property, scope of project, proposed theater and hotel, and weighing of potential risks with potential rewards.

Council will receive completed due diligence information for consideration by June 26, 2012 meeting.

Item 4 **Ann Street Plaza Construction Drawings**

Lori Mullins, Community and Economic Development Administrator, briefed Council and answered questions on revised design for Ann Street Plaza reconstruction.

Mullins reviewed parking, stage, music feature, fireplace, patios, and planting areas.

Council discussed alley traffic and residential entrance, unknown cost estimates, developer risk, re-evaluation of TIF (tax increment financing) in conjunction with additional development projects, impact of timing of Council decision on downtown businesses, and coordination with other downtown construction.

It was moved by Triplett and seconded by Beard to authorize the City Manager to incorporate the plans, specifications and cost estimates, when they are prepared for the Ann Street Plaza construction, into the Development Agreement pending final review and approval by the City Engineer and Planning Staff.

YEAS – 3 Beard, Goddeeris, Triplett

NAYS – 2 Loomis, Power

MOTION CARRIED

Item 5 **State Revolving Fund (SRF) Sewer System Project Plan**

Todd Sneathen, Director of Public Works and Environmental Services, briefed Council and answered questions on draft State Revolving Fund (SRF) Sewer System Project Plan to be submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) by July 1, 2012. Sneathen said five projects were identified for a five year period, which include three projects for the collection system and two projects for the waste water treatment plant (WWTP). Sneathen said projects on an MDEQ approved project plan could be eligible for financing through the low interest state revolving loan fund.

Goddeeris said to continue with the project plan according to schedule.

Item 6 **Ordinance No. 1280**

Tom Yeadon, City Attorney, updated Council and answered questions on draft Ordinance No. 1280; Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. Yeadon said he used proposed Consumers ordinance as a base and added clarification and language from the City Charter. He said he will forward the ordinance to Consumers for their review and comments and bring those comments back to Council.

Goddeeris said Yeadon should move forward with this ordinance as outlined.

Item 7 **Identix, Incorporated**

It was moved by Power and seconded by Triplett to authorize the East Lansing Police Department to issue a purchase order to the Identix, Incorporated in the amount of \$27,166.00 for the purchase of electronic fingerprint software, hardware, installation and training (Identix Quote #36421-1).

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Item 8

Council Member Reports

Councilmember Power:

- No Report

Councilmember Loomis:

- Requested staff research and respond to online publication regarding projects in which City Center II developer has been involved.

Councilmember Beard:

- Reported on event hosted by AARP – Michigan entitled “Creating Communities for All Ages.”

Mayor Pro Tem Triplett:

- No Report

Mayor Goddeeris:

- Thanked Triplett for chairing Council meeting last week. She said she was on a trip which came to fruition after 20 years.

Item 9

City Manager’s Report

Deputy City Manager Tim Dempsey:

- No Report

Item 10

Adjournment

It was moved by Beard and seconded by Power to adjourn.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Diane Goddeeris
Mayor

Nancy O. Wagner
Administrative Secretary