

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

March 1, 2007

8:30 a.m.
Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. by Secretary Kurt Kimball.

Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Mike Julien	Cascade Township
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Brian Chodkowski	Village of Sparta
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Bev Drake	City of Grand Rapids
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Robert May	City of Hastings
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville

Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Ted Vonk	Kent County
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

Others Present:

Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Sharon De Lange	Village of Sparta
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approval of February 1, 2007 Minutes.

The February GVMC Board meeting minutes were approved with corrections.

MOTION – To Approve February 1, 2007 GVMC Board Meeting Minutes with Corrections. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Hayes. MOTION CARRIED.

4. 2006 Audit Report

The final 2006 audit report has not yet been received from Crowe Chizek. It will be reviewed at the next GVMC Board meeting.

5. Transportation Department – GVMC FY 2007 TIP Amendment

The requested amendments to the FY 2007/2008 Transportation Improvement Program were presented. They included a STP project for the City of Lowell on G Drive; a STP safety award for the City of Grand Rapids to upgrade signals at three intersections; and GVMC planning studies.

MOTION – To Approve the Requested GVMC FY 2007 TIP Amendments. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Legislative Issues

Don Stypula reviewed the Tax Policy Forum on the 14th of February. It was very informational and included lengthy discussion, but no determinations were made on

policy. A smaller ad hoc committee including Rick Root, Mike DeVries, Kurt Kimball, Bryan Harrison, and Daryl Delabbio met on February 26 to review the MML, MTA, and MAC positions and derive our own from that.

Don Stypula will put together a statement of policy derived from this discussion and forward it to everyone via-email later today.

7. Report from the Personnel Committee

Michael Young, Chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the results of the Executive Director's review. He explained the format had changed this year and the rating system had been flipped. Twenty-four factors had been rated, with the ones which pertain to attaining goals weighted more heavily. The Personnel Committee recommends a raise of 3% retroactive to October 1, 2006, bringing the salary to \$95,561.

MOTION – To Approve a 3% Raise of the Executive Director's Salary Retroactive to October 1, 2006. MOTION – Young. SUPPORT – Sheets. MOTION CARRIED.

Kurt Kimball reported there had been discussion on updating the goals. However, since they were so recently meticulously crafted, it was determined to let them stand as is. A review of the Land Use goals has been discussed and may be forthcoming. The Council will be kept advised on the process and progression.

8. State Budget Update

Don Stypula reported on the state budget. Legislators are considering cuts from \$500 - \$800 million. Those options have not yet been made public. Anything could happen at this point. The Governor has set a date of April 1, 2007 to present the budget.

Kurt Kimball reported on the City of Grand Rapids' trip to Lansing and discussions with legislators. The legislators seemed to be cognizant and empathetic to the cuts the City has already realized, which gave hope that revenue sharing won't be put on the block again.

Roger Morgan stated he wasn't as optimistic about restoring revenue sharing to counties.

9. Change in April GVMC Board Date

MOTION – To Reschedule the April GVMC Board Meeting to April 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Prince Center Preceding the Quarterly Luncheon. MOVE – Hayes. SUPPORT – Young. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Adjournment – 9:20 a.m.