

GRAND VALLEY METRO COUNCIL

Board Meeting

September 6, 2007

8:30 a.m.

Kent County Building

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Jim Buck.

Members Present:

Jim Beelen	Allendale Township
Dale Bergman	Sparta Township
Marta Brechting	Alpine Township
Jim Buck	City of Grandville
Pat Capek	City of Cedar Springs
Daryl Delabbio	Kent County
Sharon De Lange	Village of Sparta
Mike DeVries	Grand Rapids Township
Brian Donovan	City of East Grand Rapids
Jason Eppler	City of Ionia
Doyle Hayes	At-Large Member
Don Hilton, Sr.	Gaines Township
Dennis Hoemke	Algoma Township
Jim Holtrop	Ottawa County
Kurt Kimball	City of Grand Rapids
Robert May	City of Hastings
Jim Miedema	Jamestown Township
Roger Morgan	Kent County
Lon Myers	Village of Middleville
Audrey Nevins	Byron Township
Rick Root	City of Kentwood
Carol Sheets	City of Wyoming
Al Vanderberg	Ottawa County
Rob VerHeulen	City of Walker
Michael Young	City of Rockford

Members Absent:

Bonnie Blackledge	Cannon Township
Bev Drake	City of Grand Rapids
Tom Fehsenfeld	At-Large Member
Brian Harrison	Caledonia Township
Bill Holland	Georgetown Township
Mike Julien	Cascade Township

Pauline Luben	City of Hudsonville
Elias Lumpkins, Jr.	City of Grand Rapids
Mick McGraw	At-large Member
George Meek	Plainfield Township
Cy Moore	Treasurer
David Morren	Kent County
Deborah Nier	City of Wayland
Steven Patrick	City of Coopersville
Chuck Porter	Courtland Township
Ken Snow	City of Greenville
Bill VerHulst	City of Wyoming
Bill Wiersma	Tallmadge Township

Others Present:

David Bulkowski	Disability Advocates
Andy Bowman	Grand Valley Metro Council
Leon Branderhorst	Grand Valley Metro Council
Jim Fetzer	ITP/The Rapid
Abed Itani	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dharmesh Jain	Grand Valley Metro Council
Dennis Kent	MDOT
Gayle McCrath	Grand Valley Metro Council
Marsha Small	MDOT
Don Stypula	Grand Valley Metro Council
Peter Varga	ITP/The Rapid

2. Public Comment

Chairperson Buck announced the postponement of Roger Safford’s presentation due to time constraints.

3. Approval of minutes dated August, 2007

Motion to Approve the GVMC Board Meeting Minutes of August 2007. MOTION – VerHeulen. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Financial Issues

a. FY 2006-2007 Budget Amendment

Don Stypula reviewed the proposed FY 2006-2007 budget amendment. The amendment would include changes in accounting for the pavement management vehicle; MDOT and Federal Highway fund allocation; the Rogue River watershed; movement of PAL grant funding to 2008.

MOTION – To Approve the FY 2006-2007 GVMC Budget Amendment. MOVE – Kimball. SUPPORT – Beelen. MOTION CARRIED.

5. GVMC/REGIS FY 2007-2008 Budgets – Public Hearing

Chairperson Buck opened the public hearing for the GVMC/REGIS FY 2007-2008 budgets at 8:37 a.m.

Don Stypula reviewed the budgets. The REGIS budget has been approved by the REGIS board in July.

There has been a slight modification to the draft budget reviewed last month due to the amendment approved just previous which moved PAL funding from 2006-2007 to 2007-2008.

GVMC is receiving more money every day for land use activities (grants). It has been difficult to get our hands around. After that, we will work on a business plan for Land Use which I will bring to you in October.

Peter Varga questioned the allocation for Westrain.

Abed Itani explained we used to chair that organization, and now someone else does. The money will be funneled through them. There is \$10,000 in SEMAC funding dedicated for Westrain.

Al Vanderberg asked if a business plan had been created as directed from the strategic business planning that was done in May. Has that document been distributed?

Don Stypula stated no, it hasn't been created yet. He will do it once he does the Land Use business plan, and present it in October at the same time. Many of the items identified in the strategic planning don't require separate line items in the budget.

Al Vanderberg stated there was a missing piece to the budget package. A business plan was supposed to be created based on the strategic business planning. Our expectations were that we would see the plan, along with its strategies and expected outcomes. I thought that is what we were going for. There needs to be accountability.

Michael Young stated he was disappointed that a plan was not created and the budget was not aligned with the plan.

Don Stypula stated he wanted to meet with Michael Young and Al Vanderberg to discuss Land Use and go over the process to date.

Michael Young questioned how the fund balance would be affected by the budget amendment.

Leon Branderhorst stated that was reflected in the balance sheet which is being forwarded monthly to the Finance committee. He will forward that to Mr. Young also.

Chairperson Buck closed the public hearing 9:10 a.m.

MOTION – To Approve the FY 2007-2008 GVMC/REGIS Budgets. MOVE – Sheets. SUPPORT. Hayes. MOTION CARRIED.

- 6. Amendment to GVMC Articles of Incorporation to Authorize Membership for the City of Lowell.**

MOTION – To Approve Amendment #33 to the GVMC Articles of Incorporation to allow the City of Lowell to Become a Member. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Morgan. MOTION CARRIED.

- 7. Amendment to GVMC Articles of Incorporation to Authorize Membership for the City of Belding.**

MOTION – To Approve Amendment #34 to the GVMC Articles of Incorporation to allow the City of Lowell to Become a Member. MOVE – Beelen. SUPPORT – Sheets. MOTIN CARRIED.

- 8. Transportation Department**

- a. Project Amendments to the GVMC FY 2007-2008 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Abed Itani reviewed the proposed project amendments to the FY 2007-2008 TIP which have already been approved by the Tech and Policy committees. Changes included projects for the City of Grand Rapids; Kentwood; Kent County Road Commission; ITP / The Rapid; Grand Rapids Township; South Division; and Local Jobs Today.

MOTION – To Approve the Proposed Project Amendments to the GVMC FY 2007-2008 TIP. MOVE – Hilton. SUPPORT – Sheets. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Update on GVMC Pavement Management System**

Abed Itani updated the board on the GVMC pavement management van.

- 9. Legislative Issues**

- a. GVMC “Green Light” Legislative Issues**

Don Stypula reviewed the list of topics on “green light” issues list as well as the process for developing the list.

MOTION – To Accept the “Green Light” Legislative Issues Document. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Vanderberg. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. SBs 647-648 – Signage Requirements for Emergency Response Fees**

Rick Root discussed SBs 647-648 and reviewed the proposed position against them based on erosion of local control and home rule.

MOTION – To Oppose SBs 647-648 Based on Erosion of Local Control and Home Rule. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Brechting. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Other Items of Business

Don Stypula reported nothing has happened yet on the state budget. Many options are still being proposed.

10. Adjournment – 9:25

MOTION – To Adjourn. MOVE – Root. SUPPORT – Eppler. MOTION CARRIED.