

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

October 15, 2015

12:00 noon

Grand Valley Metro Council
678 Front Ave. NW, Suite 200
Grand Rapids, MI

Minutes

Present

Alex Arends
Daryl Delabbio
Mike DeVries
Brian Donovan
Don Hilton, Sr.
Alan Vanderberg
Michael Young

Alpine Township
Kent County
Grand Rapids Township
City of East Grand Rapids
Gaines Township
Ottawa County
City of Rockford

Absent

Jim Buck
George Heartwell
Cy Moore

Secretary
City of Grand Rapids
Council Treasurer

Other

Chris Brown
Abed Itani
Gayle McCrath
John Weiss

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1. Call to Order

Chair Al Vanderberg called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

2. Minutes

MOTION – To Approve the July 2015 Minutes. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Donovan. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Kentwood Collaboration

John Weiss explained a request by Kentwood for collaboration. A new cell phone company is moving into the area and requesting usage of the utility right-of-way. They can lease space on existing utility poles, but are choosing to install their own, making the right-of-way congested. Kentwood would like to present the request to collaborate at the next GVMC Board meeting.

4. Executive Committee & At-Large Appointments

Michael Young proposed the existing slate of Officers and Executive Committee members be reappointed.

Al Vanderberg – Chair
Mike DeVries – Vice Chair
Jim Buck – Secretary
Cy Moore – Treasurer
Don Hilton
George Heartwell
Daryl Delabbio
Michael Young
Alex Arends
Brian Donovan

Discussion ensued regarding term limits as written in the GVMC Bylaws in 2011, “It is preferred that Officers do not serve more than four consecutive one-year terms.” It was determined that with the wording stating “preferred” it gave the selection committee latitude to recommend appointments as Officers for more than four one-year terms if they wished. Cy Moore currently has reached the term limited four terms (since the Bylaws were amended in 2011), however the group recommended reappointment for a fifth term.

MOTION – To Reappoint the Current Slate of GVMC Officers and Executive Committee Members. MOVE – Young. SUPPORT – Hilton. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Strategic Planning Review

Al Vanderberg reported on the 2015 GVMC Strategic Planning. By reviewing facilitator Lew Bender’s summary of the event, it was evident that some participants interpreted the questions differently than they were intended. Issues also included the limited number of people who participated in each question, as well as the depth of understanding of what GVMC’s current activities are. It was suggested that the Executive Committee do Strategic Planning in the future, as they are most familiar with GVMC’s administration.

It was the consensus of the group that starting in February, the Executive Committee would do Strategic Planning in more detail and bring the results to the GVMC Board.

(See Al Vanderberg's Attached Summary)

6. Sparta

Mike DeVries reported on his meeting with the Sparta Township Board and their request to have the Legal, Processing and Penalty fees dropped from the total they would be required to pay to rejoin the Metro Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the policy, ramifications, and precedent it could set if these fees were waived.

MOTION – To Extend to Sparta Township an Offer That Would Allow Them to Rejoin GVMC if All Current Dues are Paid and Kept Up-To-Date, with Financing for Back Dues, Legal, Processing and Penalty at 0% Interest Over 5 Years. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Arends. MOTION CARRIED.

Chris Brown will draw up a schedule of payments.

7. At-Large Positions

GVMC has two At-Large positions open. Advertisement has been ongoing in the GVMC Weekly Update for those wishing to apply for the positions.

At this time, letters of interest have been received from Charlie DeVries, Tom Bonchette, Michael Sytsma, and Barb Holt.

Deadline for submittal will be the end of next month.

8. Schedule

The next Board meeting will be November 18, 11:00 a.m. at the GVSU L. William Seidman Center. If a Board meeting is held in December an alternative location will need to be secured, as the Kent County Commission Chambers will not be available on the usual date. It was decided the GVMC Board will be asked to cancel the December 2015 Board meeting.

9. Other

Wendy Ogilvie reviewed Environmental Programs activities.

10. Executive Director Review

Staff Excused

11. Adjourn – 1:30 p.m.