

**Grand Valley Metro Council
Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, July 16, 2009
12:00 pm

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

MEETING NOTES

Present

Jim Buck
Daryl Delabbio
Cindy Fox
Jim Miedema
Cy Moore
Rick Root
Carol Sheets
Alan Vanderberg

City of Grandville
Kent County
Cascade Township
Jamestown Township
Council Treasurer
City of Kentwood
City of Wyoming
Ottawa County

Absent

Eric DeLong
Don Hilton, Sr.

City of Grand Rapids
Gaines Township

Other

Andy Bowman
Leon Branderhorst
Abed Itani
Dharmesh Jain
Gayle McCrath
Don Stypula

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 pm by Chair Jim Buck.

2. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – Approval of GVMC Executive Committee Minutes of June, 2009. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT - Fox. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Budget

Don Stypula explained this is the first review of the budget and it will come back next month for a vote. Revenues \$2 million, Expenditures \$2.1 M, Net Revenues over Expenses (\$18,001). The overage is due to funds added for a strategic business plan facilitator and marketing materials; and the cost allocation contract required per the GVMC / REGIS MOU.

Dues will stay the same, although may change after the 2010 census. This area is expected to have an increase in population of about 50,000.

We are still anticipating a Growing Communities Conference, however it may be smaller or in a different format as we may collaborate with other entities.

There is no cost of living increase in the budget.

As part of his compensation package, Don Stypula has negotiated an additional week of vacation per year and maintaining a parking pass for the Ionia/Pearl lot at approx. \$140 per month. Don will keep track of his usage of the parking pass and after a year review whether or not to keep it.

Cindy Fox asked why keep it for a year before analyzing the usage. Was it cheaper to be purchased by the year?

Don Stypula stated yes it was.

Daryl Delabbio reported the charge for Grand Rapids parking is monthly, and there is no contract.

Cindy Fox suggested reviewing the usage at 6 months.

Don Stypula reported expenses are being kept in line with the decrease in rent and parking.

Cy Moore stated long range planning should take place to ready the organization for possible member loss due to the economy.

Don Stypula reported part of the overage added to the budget was for a facilitator to work on the remaining portions of the Strategic Business Plan. Don has Dr. Lou Bender in mind and will contact him A.S.A.P.

Carol Sheets asked what the timeframe would be on the facilitator working with staff.

Don Stypula stated it would be completed from 6 months after the beginning of the new fiscal year – October 1, 2009.

Leon Branderhorst pointed out the budget does not include LGROW.

Don Stypula stated he would get to everyone on the LGROW figures as soon as possible.

REGIS Budget

Don Stypula reported the REGIS budget was formulated by Dharmesh Jain and a sub committee of the REGIS Board.

Cy Moore reported he had no comments. The Finance committee has approved.

Dharmesh Jain stated the budget calls for no increase in dues. As a guideline they are keeping the fund balance at 25% of the operating budget.

MOTION - To Approve the GVMC Budget, Including that of its Departments and Agencies. MOVE – Delabbio. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.

4. November Board Date

Don Stypula suggested changing date of the November 5, GVMC Board meeting as Kent County has something else scheduled for that room. Carol Sheets and Cindy Fox stated they had facilities in which the meeting could be held on that date. Carol and Cindy will check on the availability of those rooms.

5. Legislative

Rick Root discussed the proposed statewide public employee healthcare plan proposed by Andy Dillon. It could have unintentional consequences are would be almost impossible to administer. There is a concern that Rep. Dillon is more concerned with making a statement than good policy.

Jim Buck reported this issue would make for good discussion at the next Legislative Committee meeting.

Don Stypula stated unfunded mandates and Headlee should also be addressed.

Carol Sheets reported there was a meeting in Lansing on 312 yesterday and Don should talk to Curtis Holt about it.

2009, GVMC Executive Committee Minutes. MOVE – Vanderberg. SUPPORT – Fox. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Adjournment – 1:00