Chair Hutson called the Regular meeting of the Troy City Planning Commission to order at 7:30 p.m. on December 13, 2011 in the Council Chamber of the Troy City Hall.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Donald Edmunds
Michael W. Hutson
Tom Krent
Mark Maxwell
Philip Sanzica
Robert Schultz
Thomas Strat
John J. Tagle
Lon M. Ullmann

Also Present:
R. Brent Savidant, Planning Director
Zachary Branigan, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.
Allan Motzny, Assistant City Attorney

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Savidant reported the applicant for the potential Conditional Rezoning requested to postpone this item until sometime in the New Year.

Resolution # PC-2011-12-063
Moved by: Sanzica
Seconded by: Edmunds

RESOLVED, To replace Agenda Item #8 POTENTIAL CONDITIONAL REZONING with TROY MULTI MODAL TRANSIT FACILITY.

Yes: All present (9)

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolution # PC-2011-12-064
Moved by: Schultz
Seconded by: Maxwell

RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the October 25, 2011 Regular meeting as prepared.

Yes: All present (9)

MOTION CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items not on the Agenda

There was no one present who wished to speak.

5. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) REPORT

6. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) REPORT

7. PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

STUDY ITEM

8. TROY MULTI MODAL TRANSIT FACILITY

There was general Planning Commission discussion of the Troy Multi Modal Transit Center.

Resolution # PC-2011-12-065
Moved by: Sanzica
Seconded by: Schultz

WHEREAS, The City of Troy received a $8,485,212 federal grant to fund the Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility project through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program; and

WHEREAS, On September 12, 2011 City Council approved an MDOT Capital Contract for $8,485,212 for the specific purpose of designing and constructing the Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility at no cost to the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility will become one of ten planned regional hubs in the Detroit Regional Mass Transit (DRMT) plan for the Detroit metropolitan area, including Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties and the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility will be served by AMTRAK and SMART, which will utilize the Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility as a central hub for their bus network; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility complements transit oriented initiatives throughout southeast Michigan, including the Woodward Light Rail and Detroit Region Aerotropolis projects; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that investment in public transit yields economic benefit to the surrounding area, including the creation of a large number of construction jobs; and

WHEREAS, Public transportation provides transportation options, allows for mobility for underserved populations, provides congestion mitigation, assists in retaining young talent and helps regions to be competitive in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy Master Plan calls for the creation of a mixed use area centered between the Oakland/Troy Airport and the Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility will serve as a vibrant gateway into the City of Troy; and

WHEREAS, If City Council votes to terminate the Troy Multi-Modal Transit Facility project, the $8,485,212 federal grant will be used to fund another project elsewhere; the money will not be used for any purpose other than High Speed Rail.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Planning Commission hereby recommends that City Council approves the contract for Architectural/Engineering services so that the Troy Intermodal Transit Center can be designed and constructed.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to all City Council members prior to the December 19, 2011 Regular meeting.

Yes: All present (9)

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

9. APPROVAL OF 2012 PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

Resolution # PC-2011-12-066
Moved by: Schultz
Seconded by: Tagle

RESOLVED, To approve 2012 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule as written.

Yes: All present (9)

MOTION CARRIED

10. PLANNING COMMISSION GOALS, 2012

The Planning Commission discussed the establishment of Planning Commission goals and objectives for 2012.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one present who wished to speak.

12. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

There was general discussion.

The Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael W. Hutson, Chair

R. Brent Savidant, Planning Director

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