The Special/Study Meeting of the Troy City Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Schultz at 7:30 p.m. on January 22, 2008 in the Council Board Room of the Troy City Hall.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:
Michael W. Hutson
Lawrence Littman
Robert M. Schultz
Thomas Strat
John J. Tagle
Kathleen Troshynski

Absent:
Mark J. Vleck (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)
Wayne Wright

Also Present:
Mark F. Miller, Planning Director
R. Brent Savidant, Principal Planner
Christopher Forsyth, Assistant City Attorney
Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.
Zak Branigan, Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.

Resolution # PC-2008-01-010
Moved by: Troshynski
Seconded by: Littman

RESOLVED, That Members Vleck and Wright are excused from attendance at this meeting for personal reasons.

Yes: All (6)
Absent: Vleck (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Wright

MOTION CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution # PC-2008-01-011
Moved by: Littman
Seconded by: Tagle

RESOLVED, To approve the Agenda as printed.

Yes: All (6)
Absent: Vleck (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Wright

MOTION CARRIED

3. MINUTES

Resolution # PC-2008-01-012
Moved by: Tagle
Seconded by: Hutson

RESOLVED, To approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 Regular meeting as distributed.

Yes: All (6)
Absent: Vleck (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Wright

MOTION CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT – For Items Not on the Agenda

There was no one present who wished to speak.

5. BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA) REPORT

Mr. Miller gave a brief BZA report in Mr. Wright's absence. Mr. Miller indicated there appears to be a trend toward more applications for commercial vehicle appeals coming before the BZA.

6. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) REPORT

Mr. Miller asked Richard Carlisle to summarize the January 16, 2008 Downtown Development Authority Investment Strategy Workshop meeting. Mr. Carlisle summarized the meeting, and indicated that the results of the workshop would be provided to the Planning Commission.

7. PLANNING AND ZONING REPORT

Mr. Miller provided a brief report.

8. APA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Chair Schultz indicated there was enough money in the Planning Commission budget for three members to attend the upcoming American Planning Association (APA) National Conference on April 27, 2008 through May 1, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Commissioners Schultz, Strat and Vleck indicated their desire to attend the conference. Commissioners Hutson, Tagle and Troshynski indicated they would check their schedules for availability to attend the conference.

Resolution # PC-2008-01-013
Moved by: Littman
Seconded by: Hutson

RESOLVED, That Planning Commissioners Schultz, Vleck and Hutson attend the APA National Conference in Las Vegas from April 27, 2008 through May 1, 2008.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Planning Commissioners Tagle, Troshynski and Strat are considered alternates in the event any of the other three are unable to attend the conference.

Yes: All (7)
Absent: Wright

MOTION CARRIED

STUDY ITEM

9. CITY OF TROY MASTER PLAN – DRAFT – Discussion with representatives of Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc.

Chair Schultz introduced the item.

Mr. Miller indicated the intent of the meeting was for the Planning Commission to accept the draft Master Plan as the working draft for a Public Input Workshop, tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2008.

Mr. Miller explained the difficulties involved in holding an official Planning Commission meeting, given the requirement that all meetings be videotaped. The venue and format of the meeting would not lend itself to being recorded.

Chair Schultz suggested the Planning Commission cancel the Special/Study meeting.

Mr. Strat asked if a quorum of Planning Commissioners attending the Public Input Workshop would violate the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Forsyth replied that they would not violate the Open Meetings Act as long as they were not deliberating or moving toward a decision. Additionally, the meeting would be open to the public.

The Planning Commission discussed the format of the Public Input Workshop.

Zak Branigan stated the intent was to have each chapter represented at an individual station, with a Planning Commissioner at each station to answer questions and engage participants. He asked if any Planning Commissioners had a preference of stations.

Ms. Troshynski requested that she would prefer to work at the Housing station. No other Planning Commissioners indicated a preference.

The Planning Commission discussed the draft Master Plan.

It was a general consensus that the draft Master Plan was the working draft for the Public Input Workshop, scheduled for February 26, 2008.

Richard Carlisle thanked the Planning Commission for their hard work, openness to ingenuity and sticking to an aggressive schedule.

Resolution # PC-2008-01-014
Moved by: Littman
Seconded by: Troshynski

RESOLVED, That the February 26, 2008 Planning Commissioners Special/Study meeting be cancelled.

Yes: All (7)
Absent: Wright

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER ITEMS

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Items on Current Agenda

There was no one present who wished to speak.

10. PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mr. Littman suggested that in the future the Planning Commission should rotate officers.

Mr. Strat informed the Planning Commission of legislative updates to the Michigan Building Code and the potential impact on Group Day Care Homes.

Chair Schultz discussed the January 21, 2008 Troy - Birmingham Transit Center charrette presentation.

ADJOURN

The Special/Study Meeting of the Planning Commission adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Schultz, Chair

R. Brent Savidant, Principal Planner

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