

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: September 14, 2009

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:43 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Lincoln Plowman, Acting Chair  
Virginia Cain  
Jeff Cardwell  
Brian Mahern  
Dane Mahern  
Janice McHenry  
Jackie Nytes

Absent Members

Kent Smith  
Jose Evans

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 338, 2009 - amends the zoning ordinance to change the name of the enforcement agency to the new city department of code enforcement and to make grammatical corrections (2009-AO-01)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 339, 2009 - amends the enforcement and remedies ordinance to change the name of the police department to its official title and to make grammatical corrections (2009-AO-02)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 340, 2009 - amends the subdivision control ordinance to change the referenced agency name from township assessor to county assessor and to make grammatical corrections (2009-AO-03)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

**BUDGET HEARING**

Review and Analysis

PROPOSAL NO. 321, 2009 - adopts the annual budget for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County for 2010 (Metropolitan Development and Code Enforcement portions only)

“Do Pass”

Vote: 7-0

## METROPOLITIAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, September 14, 2009. Acting Chair Lincoln Plowman called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present: Virginia Cain, Jeff Cardwell, Brian Mahern, Dane Mahern, Janice McHenry, and Jackie Nytes. Kent Smith and Jose Evans were absent. Also present was James Steele, Chief Financial Officer of the City-County Council.

PROPOSAL NO. 338, 2009 - amends the zoning ordinance to change the name of the enforcement agency to the new city department of code enforcement and to make grammatical corrections (2009-AO-01)

Michael Peoni, Administrator of the Division of Planning for the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), said this ordinance is very straightforward and he would be happy to answer any questions.

Councillor Nytes asked if the relationship with DMD and the Office of Code Enforcement (OCE) still in good standing. Mr. Peoni said that he believes the relationship between DMD and OCE is good.

Councillor Cardwell moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to send Proposal No. 338, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0,

PROPOSAL NO. 339, 2009 - amends the enforcement and remedies ordinance from change the name of the police department to its official title and to make grammatical corrections (2009-AO-02)

Mr. Peoni said that this proposal changes the name of the police department to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Law Enforcement Agency to the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, which is the official name.

Councillor Brian Mahern moved, seconded by Councillor McHenry, to send Proposal No. 339, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0,

PROPOSAL NO. 340, 2009 - amends the subdivision control ordinance to change the referenced agency name from township assessor to county assessor and to make grammatical corrections (2009-AO-03)

Councillor Cardwell moved, seconded by Councillor Cain, to send Proposal No. 340, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0,

### **BUDGET HEARING**

Review and Analysis

PROPOSAL NO. 321, 2009 - adopts the annual budget for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County for 2010 (Metropolitan Development and Code Enforcement portions only)

Maury Plambeck, Director of DMD, said that there is no change to DMD's budget request and he is available for any questions that the committee may have.

Councillor Dane Mahern asked if there were any amendments to the budget. Mr. Plambeck answered in the negative.

Councillor Nytes asked what the status is on any employee wage adjustments in this budget. David Reynolds, City Controller, said that there is the funding for the contractual union agreements and an increase on the lowest nine pay grades across the city and county, raising those salaries up to the federal poverty level for a family of four. He said beyond this increase, there are no other pay increases. Councillor Nytes asked if the federal stimulus dollars were included in these appropriations for the 2010 budget. Mr. Plambeck said that the DMD-related stimulus funds are included in this budget.

Pat Andrews, Vice President of Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations (MCANA), asked if the plan to increase fees would be approved through the Metropolitan Development Commissions (MDC), and if there if there will be a sufficient number of petitions in 2010 to bring in the extra \$600,000 that current planning will need to maintain the current staffing. Mr. Plambeck said that the fee increase is a public hearing process, and the decision will be made by the MDC. He said that DMD has a solid packet of data that will justify those increases. He said that petitions are down and current planning positions are primarily funded by those petitions. He said that when the petitions are down, there is less work, and they have already moved one person into an open position in DMD. He said that they will fill that current planning position when the petitions increase again. Ms. Andrews said that current planners have a great deal of institutional memory that is very critical and needed. She said that there needs to be a backup plan just in case the fee increases fall short.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Dane Mahern, to send the Metropolitan Development and Code Enforcement Portion of Proposal No. 321, 2009 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

### Conclusion

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lincoln Plowman, Acting Chair  
Metropolitan Development Committee