

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: February 27, 2006

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:32 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:15 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Dane Mahern, Chairman
Scott Keller
Angela Mansfield
Jackie Nytes
Marilyn Pfisterer
Steve Talley

Absent Members

Ron Gibson
Lance Langsford
Mike Speedy

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 71, 2006 - changes the name of the Division of Community Development in the Department of Metropolitan Development to the Division of Community Economic Development and moves certain duties and responsibilities from the Division of Administrative Services to the newly named division
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 72, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$643,674 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Metropolitan Development, Compliance Division (Consolidated County Fund) to pay for salaries, benefits and other operating costs for seven full time staff to work in code compliance, financed by increased revenues from new and increased permit fees
"Do Pass as Amended" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 73, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$3,333,734 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Metropolitan Development, Planning Division (Federal Grants and Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Funds) to perform various studies related to rapid transit, funded by a Federal Transit Administration "New Start" grant, and to undertake other transportation planning activities provided for through additional grant funds available to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), including GIS data development, school outreach programs and other studies for surrounding communities that contribute funding to the MPO, financed by federal funds and contributions from partners from surrounding municipalities
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

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PROPOSAL NO. 74, 2006 - approves an appropriation of \$50,000 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Metropolitan Development, Compliance Division (Federal Grants Fund) to provide on-call engineering reviews of flood mapping and related technical assistance to assess flood hazards in Marion County, financed by a federal grant from FEMA

“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council met on Monday, February 27, 2006. Chair Dane Mahern called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. with the following members present: Scott Keller, Angela Mansfield, Jackie Nytes, Marilyn Pfisterer and Steve Talley. Absent were Ron Gibson, Lance Langsford and Mike Speedy.

PROPOSAL NO. 71, 2006 - changes the name of the Division of Community Development in the Department of Metropolitan Development to the Division of Community Economic Development and moves certain duties and responsibilities from the Division of Administrative Services to the newly named division

Margaret Banning, Administrator in the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD), said the proposal is necessary to match how DMD restructures some of its staffing responsibilities to more effectively deliver community development services and economic development efforts. She referred to Section 231-305 of Proposal No. 71, 2006 to give the full understanding of the Division of Community Economic Development. She said within the division there will be three sections, each defined by functions but will be under the same administrative umbrella.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if, with the merger, there will be a reduction in staff. Ms. Banning replied in the affirmative and said previously there were two administrators but one resigned and they are not refilling the position. Councillor Pfisterer asked if the Enterprise Community is no longer a part of the division. Ms. Banning said the Enterprise Community was only in existence for so many years and has expired.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to send Proposal No. 71, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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Rick Powers, Administrator for Division of Compliance, said the proposal is needed to make the adjustments and reline the division. He said the Council recently approved a 56.6% fee increase in the division for permits and services. This proposal represents the first year of a three year plan to add 18 Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs) to the Division of Compliance. He said the first year would consist of three building inspectors, one plan examiner, one landscape specialist, one legal case coordinator, and an additional zoning inspector.

Councillor Keller asked if the Capital Outlay of \$181,536 represents the use of vehicles. Mr. Powers said the Capital Outlay is broken down by technology (\$72,571) and vehicle purchase (\$137,136).

Chair Mahern asked how many vehicles will be purchased. Mr. Powers said that five vehicles will be purchased.

Jeff Seidenstein, Office of Finance and Management, presented a technical amendment to Proposal No. 72, 2006 (Exhibit A, attached).

Councillor Nytes directed the committee to other changes needed to Section 6 of Proposal No. 72, 2006 (seen in Exhibit A).

Councillor Nytes asked if all the money that will be raised will be spent at one time. Mr. Powers replied in the negative and said the increments will be phased into the budget.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if outside agencies were in support of having additional zoning inspectors involved. Mr. Powers replied in the affirmative and said DMD has met with the development community. Councillor Pfisterer asked if the new employees will be cross trained with the fire department. Mr. Powers replied in the affirmative and said the ordinance requires this action.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Pfisterer, to "Amend" Proposal No. 72, 2006 per Exhibit A. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Pfisterer, to send Proposal No. 72, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass as Amended" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote 6-0.

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Mike Dearing, Manager of the MPO, said no new funds from the City are involved in this proposal. He said the three million dollars is funded by Federal "New Start" money, Federal Transit Administration for transit activities, and from Metropolitan Planning funds, received from being one of the MPOs in the state. He said that \$924,000 is Federal Transit activities, of which 80% is "New Start" money. The money is used to investigate the possibility of a rapid transit system. Mr. Dearing said \$1.74 million is for

additional activities due to more Federal dollars that are unspent for planning activities. He said there is enough money to expand their work program and conduct other regional transportation activities. He said the remaining \$666,000 is to expand their base work program.

Councillor Talley asked if bike routes can be worked into the plan for the far East side of the City. Mr. Dearing said MPO's activities are focused on a multi-mobile system and they have created a bike plan that will be brought forward.

Councillor Nytes asked for clarification on the Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration (CILC). Mr. Dearing said this is a private organization that MPO partners with on their school involvement program. He said CILC is providing a local match for their activities.

Councillor Keller asked who all has passed legislation to create a regional transportation authority. Mr. Dearing said they are close to a full board membership and all counties have joined in the past week.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if there is a timeline in establishing the northeast corridor. Mr. Dearing said adding to the work program will allow a decision to be made in the near future. Councillor Pfisterer asked if there has been discussion on expanding IndyGo beyond Marion County borders. Mr. Dearing replied in the affirmative and said further study is still needed.

Councillor Nytes moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to send Proposal No. 73, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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Donna Price, Assistant Administrator for the Division of Compliance, said this proposal is to request appropriation of a grant that has been awarded from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). She this grant will allow the division to do some additional floodplain mapping studies to better reflect the flooding risk.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield, to send Proposal No. 74, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Metropolitan Development Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dane Mahern, Chair
Metropolitan Development Committee

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