

MINUTES

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

DRAFT

Tuesday, October 11, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

Present: Sheldon Matthews - Committee Chair, Christopher Boyd, Kyle Harris, Dennis Krafft, Gerald Little, Carl Ruth, Tracey Slodowski, Jack Tany, Michael Webster, Cynthia Winiecke
Absent: Carol Ewing
Others: Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Tim Novak, Koren Thurston, Jaime Ceja, Alvin Pratt, Canika Owen-Robinson, Joanne Silvia, Carolyn Jones, Trenika Jones, Denny Harris, Patrick Andres, Scott Tallon, Frank Fanzone, Tarsha Works, Marissa Sawdon, Suzy Koeplinger

- I. Call to order---**Matthews at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome
- III. Public comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*)
 1. ***Patrick Andres, Scott Tallon and Frank Fanzone from the Maple Grove Township Fire Department spoke of their fire station and the equipment needed such as air packs, masks, and rechargeable batteries. They then asked the committee to consider them for ARPA funding.***
 2. ***Canika Owen-Robinson, The Neighb, discussed the activities and impact The Neighb has on the Saginaw community and asked the committee to consider their original ARPA funding request.***
 3. ***Julia Darnton, MSU Extension, spoke regarding the 100-year partnership between MSU Extension and Saginaw County. Ms. Darnton asked the committee to reconsider the request of \$108,000 of ARPA funds.***

IV. Agenda

Referral from September 14, 2022 Committee of the Whole

1. Review/discussion of External Requests identified for possible funding at the previous Committee of the Whole on ARPA (*Updated spreadsheets to be provided*)
 - ***Discussion was held regarding many of the remaining projects that have already made progress without ARPA funding. The committee agreed to ask applicants to gather to review their requests and give any updates. The Controller advised there is \$9,466,634 available for External Requests. Funds should be committed by December 2024. It was the consensus of the commissioners to not wait for the city to make its decisions as they have a different timetable.***
 - ***The committee discussed a Transformational Economic Development Project with Saginaw Future and the potential to ask the City of Saginaw to match ARPA fund contribution with a minimum of up to \$5 million.***
---Krafft moved, seconded by Boyd, to refer to Executive Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Yes: Winiecke, Webster, Tany, Little, Krafft, Boyd, Matthews - 7
No: Slodowski, Ruth, Harris - 3; Absent: Ewing - 1
Total: -11

- **Buena Vista: Request for funds toward demolition of hotel.**
 ---Krafft moved, seconded by Little, to refer discussion of supporting Buena Vista with up to \$500,000 for the demolition of the Welcome Inn hotel to the Executive Committee. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 ---Moved by Boyd, seconded by Krafft, to amend the previous motion regarding Buena Vista hotels to also allow the county to share in any positive gain tax dollars to come from the sale of the property after the demolition. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- **Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve: Request for \$400,000 for repairs and renovations. Discussion was held regarding the progress and collected funds to date.**
 ---Winiecke moved, seconded by Slodowski, to refer the request from Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve to Executive Committee. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:
 Yes: Winiecke, Webster, Tany, Slodowski, Krafft, Harris, Boyd, Matthews - 8
 No: Ruth, Little - 2; Absent: Ewing – 1; Total: -11
- **The committee discussed other requests that they would like to consider when requestors give updates. The Committee members voted on adding back First Ward Community Center (9 hands) Saginaw County CAC (7 hands) and The Neighb (6 hands)**

2. Other Issues of Interest/Concern

Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, asked if the committee pledged the ARPA funding for three (3) previously approved Budget requests: Corporation Counsel (\$35,000); PLUS Home Surveillance (\$150,483); and Saginaw Future (\$140,525) to come from ARPA General Fund or ARPA Revenue Replacement Fund.

---Moved by Ruth, seconded by Krafft, to refer this matter to Executive Committee with the consensus that the requests all be funded from Revenue Replacement. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Miscellaneous

Requests from public comment were addressed. Chairman Ruth explained that Maple Grove Township Fire Department missed the application deadline of January 20, 2022 and MSU Extension did not pass its millage, therefore not meeting the Board's condition for funding.

---Moved by Harris, seconded by Slodowski, to recommend to Executive Committee to commit up to \$50,000 to Maple Grove Township Fire Department contingent on matching funds from Maple Grove Township. Motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Yes: Harris, Slodowski – 2; No: Boyd, Krafft, Little, Ruth, Tany, Webster, Winiecke, Matthews – 8; Absent: Ewing – 1; Total: -11

---Commissioner Matthews thanked Boyd for his thank you card addressed to all commissioners for the gift in remembrance of his parents.

VI. Adjournment ---Moved by Harris, seconded by Ruth, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sheldon Matthews, Committee Chair
 Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk