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proposed rezoning from C-2 Small Business to C-3 General Business, for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the land use plan and planning objectives of the Clay Township Master Plan.*
- 2. The proposed rezoning is consistent with the Vision Based Policy, the generalized Future Land Use map, and the planning objectives of the County Master Plan.*
- 3. The proposed rezoning is in line with the stated purpose of the C-3 General Business District, as detailed in the Clay Township Zoning Ordinance.*
- 4. The proposed rezoning will be in keeping with surrounding land uses.*

C. Riley Township Map Amendment River Conservation (RC) to Agricultural Rural Residential (AR) and Agricultural Rural Residential (AR) to River Conservation (RC)

*Staff recommends the Metropolitan Planning Commission **approve** the proposed rezoning, with special attention paid to additional staff comments, for the following reasons:*

- 1. Proposed rezoning is consistent with the Vision Based Policy, the generalized Future Land Use Map, and planning objectives of the St. Clair County Master Plan.*
- 2. Proposed rezoning is generally consistent with the land use plan and planning objectives of the Riley Township Comprehensive Master Plan.*

Motion by Andrews, supported by Lockwood to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Work Program Reports

A. Geoff Donaldson

Kauffman advised the commissioners that the attorney that assists the Solid Waste Committee is reviewing the final version of the proposed Solid Waste Plan amendment.

B. Lori Eschenburg

Nothing additional to add to her report.

C. Trevor Floyd

Floyd stated that the Dell axioms have been delivered he is working on the programs on them.

The 2007 Homeland Security Conference and Expo will be in March at Amway Grand Hotel. The featured speaker will be Colin Powell.

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D. Mike Latuszek

Latuszek stated that MDOT has advised all local agencies to revise their by-laws for their policy and technical committees. The SCCOTS Advisory Committee is the "Technical Committee" for St. Clair County Transportation, and the Metropolitan Planning Commission is the "Policy Committee." The MPC will be kept up-to-date on the requirements as SCCOTS is made aware of them.

E. Kara Schrader

Nothing additional to add to her report.

F. David Struck

Struck stated that the MSU Practicum Study draft has been received.

Motion by DeBoyer, supported by Knight to accept the Work Program Reports. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Director's Report

MAP Conference:

Kauffman gave a brief overview of the MAP Planning Spring Institute in Lansing. There was a lot of discussion about the State's economy and changes that will take place. It appears that there will be additional cuts to services and more taxes levied.

One area the legislature is looking at revolves around sentencing guidelines for prisoners. Currently if someone is sentenced to a year or more, they go to the State prison. If guidelines are changed and sentences reduced, then the counties will see more prisoners staying in their jails.

SCCOTS:

Kauffman went over the SCCOTS revenues/expenditures and the fund balance available for tapping into in the next fiscal year, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Bridge Plaza:

Kauffman stated that they had a productive internal bridge plaza and corridor meeting. MDOT has been made aware of our concerns, and what the County is looking for from them in terms of assistance. So far there have been favorable responses.

Rental Rehabilitation.

Kauffman stated that there will be a meeting for landlords in the Village of Capac and the City of Yale on Wednesday, April 4, at 6 p.m. at the City Hall in Yale. This is the County's first venture into rental rehab in a downtown area. MSHDA has made it clear to us that if we are successful they have more money for us. We will try and get a lot of press and media

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coverage to show that there is community support for it and in an attempt to get MSHDA to provide us with additional grant dollars.

Motion by Cooper, supported by Andrews to approve the Director's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Chairperson's Report

A. Checklist from Meeting

Chair Murphy directed the commissioners to page 75 of the agenda packet. He would like each member to complete the form at end of the meeting by marking yes or no and to write down any specific comments they might have. Chair Murphy will take the questionnaires and summarize marked items. He then writes down verbatim the written comments to share with other commissioners. He would like to do this procedure for a couple of months and then quarterly.

In addition, Chair Murphy would like the commissioners to list any committees they are involved in.

Chair Murphy pointed out the information in the agenda packet on conflict of interest and asked members to look it over.

Chair Murphy stated that they will be looking at the Director's evaluation in the near future. Commissioners will be receiving information via e-mail.

B. Comments from Commissioners:

Commissioner DeBoyer

The bridge is moving ahead for Harsens Island. The company has the DEQ permits and agreement with the Coast Guard on the type of bridge.

Commissioner DeBoyer stated that there is a proposed development for Harsens Island; however, the Township has not received the application. It will be quite extensive with 300 or more homes and proposed rerouting of North Channel Drive, as well as putting in a bay with an island in the center.

It has been suggested by the developer of possibly boring under the river to the island for a direct connection to the sewers.

Commissioner Andrews

Commissioner Andrews stated that MDOT is willing to talk to various groups about the bridge plaza and the Black River Crossing for I-94. If anyone has a group looking for a program, they give a nice presentation with good handouts and answer questions.

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Motion by Knight, supported by Tansky to approve the Chairperson's Report. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Old Business

A. Master Plan Update

Kauffman stated that this is covered in his Director's report. The next quarter will be extremely busy for staff.

As previously mentioned, three of the reports/projects to integrate into the plan have come in. The bulk of the remaining work will be in April, May and June. June and July will be used for the approval process.

The first Long Range Transportation Plan public meeting will be on April 18 in Conference Room B of the County Administration Building. At that meeting the consultant, Mike and Kara will be receiving input from citizens.

B. Winter Workshop – February 22, 2007

Kauffman stated the survey is in the agenda packet and has been shared with the County Administrator.

At a staff meeting it was suggested to ask, "What is the value to you?" and placing dollar amounts for them to choose from. The choices started at \$0.00 and up. The majority said it is worth more than what we charge, obviously, there is a difference between cost and value. The costs used to be \$7.00 and is now \$10.00.

Commissioner Sass asked for a list of participants by township. Staff will compile the information and send it to him.

12. New Business

A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Struck gave an overview of the plan of which the Parks and Recreation Commission is looking for approval of the resolution of adoption.

Motion by Tansky supported by Heidemann to approve the resolution of adoption of the County Recreation Master Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

B. St. Clair Township Text Amendment – Private Roads to Condominium Ordinance

*Staff recommends that the Metropolitan Planning Commission concur with the Township Planning Commission and recommend **approval** of the proposed text amendment amending the language in Section 5.6.3 C for the following reasons:*

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- 1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the St. Clair Township Master Plan and the St. Clair County Master Plan.*
- 2. Allows the Township to better manage and protect their public facilities*

Motion by Andrews, supported by Lockwood to concur with staff and recommend approval to the township.

There was considerable discussion on the fact that St. Clair Township had said in the past that they would not allow private roads; how the proposed amendment related to the condo portion of the ordinances; number of homes involved; road commission comments and responsibilities; topography; whether or not all information has been received from the township; the possibility of tabling and the fact that if it is tabled the MPC gives up their right to make comment; and questions from the Township attorney.

After the discussion, motion carried. Ayes: Andrews, Cooper, DeBoyer, Heidemann, Lockwood, Murphy, and Tansky. Nays: Knight and Sass.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Cooper, supported by Lockwood to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothea Knight, Secretary

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