

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jim Rundborg called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Sue Erickson, Dave Hunsaker, Ray Knick, Jim Lancaster, Tony Stoker, and Sheryl Strouse
Council Members Excused: None

STAFF:

Lisa Grysen, Larry Jerue, Dan Matson, Chris Olson, and Denice Smith

AUDIENCE:

Rich Miller and Dannel Ballard

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Knick, seconded by Erickson and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the agenda be approved as presented.**

SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded by Lancaster and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the minutes for the February 16, 2010 Regular City Council Meeting be approved with the following changes to Page 5, second paragraph:**

Council Member Erickson reiterated ~~her desire to keep the focus on the downtown first.~~ ***the Council's vote to limit Planning Area 5 and Planning Area 6 to residential development.*** She stated that she has reviewed the ~~information~~ ***City Council resolution and list of objections as presented to the Planning Commission at their January 28, 2010 meeting and agreed it was confusing as presented.*** ~~She and~~ suggested that a red-lined version of the Master Plan clearly identifying the Council's objections be prepared ***for the next Planning Commission meeting.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

BUSINESS:

1. Discuss Objections to the Proposed Master Plan: At the last Council meeting, it was suggested that a red-lined version of the Master Plan clearly identifying the Council's objections be prepared and presented at the February 23, 2010 Council meeting. If approved by Council this document would be presented to the Planning Commission at their February 25th meeting.

The Council received and reviewed a red-lined version of the proposed Master Plan. Dan Matson (City Attorney) presented a prepared Resolution stating the Council's objections to the Master Plan for the Council's consideration.

The Council discussed additional changes to the Master Plan as follows:

- Page 2-4 "Commercial Goals and Objectives: Goal #1, Objective #1" to read, "Designate areas on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan that may be suited for office development. ~~which could include downtown."~~

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- Page 4-4 “Housing Implementation Strategies: fifth bullet” to read, “Consider a mix of senior housing, live-work units, and clustered single family units in Planning Areas #2 ~~and #5~~. ...”
- Page 4-17 “Transportation Snapshot – The Future of DeWitt, second bullet” to read, “DeWitt has a complete ~~a~~ continuous system of bike paths,”
- Page 4-19, Transportation Strategies, fifth bullet” to read, “Encourage bike racks throughout downtown and at all institutional ~~and commercial~~ development outside downtown.”

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Hunsaker and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that

BE IT RESOLVED to adopt the following prepared Resolution, as amended, stating the City Council’s objections to the proposed Master Plan:

WHEREAS the Planning Commission of the City of DeWitt has presented the City Council with a proposed Master Plan (Draft of August 2009) for approval; and

WHEREAS the City Council by Resolution has asserted its right to approve or reject the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS the City Council has considered the provisions of the proposed Master Plan and objects to those non-residential purposes identified in the text of Planning Areas 5 and 6 and other related provisions;

NOW, THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council reaffirms its right to approve or reject the proposed Master Plan, and directs the submission to the Planning Commission of a statement of its objections thereto, which are specifically identified in the attached August 2009 Draft under the headings of Planning Areas 5 and 6 and other related provisions, by language deleted by strikeout, which provisions are contrary to the intent of the City Council regarding those planning areas as they include non-residential purposes, and requests the Planning Commission to consider the City Council’s objections and to revise the proposed Master Plan to address those objections accordingly, as required by Section 43 of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MCL 125.3843).

NEW BUSINESS: None.

COUNCIL/STAFF REPORTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Lancaster, seconded by Knick and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **this meeting be adjourned at 6:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Denice Smith
City Clerk

James Rundborg
Mayor