

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
TOWNSHIP BOARD STUDY SESSION MEETING - **APPROVED** -  
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864-1198  
853-4000, CENTRAL FIRE STATION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 **6:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer  
ABSENT: Clerk Dreyfus, Trustee Sundland  
STAFF: Township Manager Frank Walsh, Director of Public Works and Engineering Derek Perry, Director of Community Planning & Development Mark Kieselbach, Principal Planner Peter Mesner, Economic Development Director Chris Buck, Police Chief David Hall, Fire Chief Fred Cowper, IT Director Stephen Gebes, Michelle Prinz Assistant to the Manager, Maggie Rodgers-Sanders Assistant to the Clerk

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Supervisor Styka called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INTRODUCTIONS

Supervisor Styka led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The secretary called the roll of the Board.

4. CITIZENS ADDRESS AGENDA ITEMS AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Styka opened Public Remarks.

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett; had concerns about Master Plan and effect on quality-of-life in Meridian, asked about the Police Department eliminating an administrative position to make up pension funds for 2018. Mentioned redeveloping old spaces instead of just adding new developments.

Supervisor Styka closed Public Remarks.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Treasurer Brixie moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Seconded by Trustee Jackson**

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Treasurer Brixie, Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clerk Dreyfus, Trustee Sundland

Motion carried 5-0

6. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Process for Township Manager 2017 Performance Review

Board and staff discussion:

- Process for the Township Managers 2017 performance review
- Manager Walsh: "No objections to performance review being after November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017"

B. 2017 Action Plan Review

Board and staff discussion:

- Board members reviewed the Action Plan Overview for 2017

- Adoption of the 2017 Master Plan
- Redevelopment and improving walkability of Downtown Okemos, Downtown Haslett, Carriage Hills Commercial Area, and the Grand River Corridor
- Continued efforts to ratify unresolved collective bargaining agreements and strategy to eliminate pension debt
- Implementation of Township-wide website & branding strategy
- Continued efforts to foster a welcoming, diverse and inclusive environment
- Funding Meridian's police and fire departments
- Adopting the Meridian Township Brownfield Redevelopment Plan & Authority
- Updates to the Township's Mixed Use Planned Unit Development (MUPUD) Ordinance
- Opportunities to reduce overall operating costs
- Implementing requirements for the licensing process associated with medical marijuana

**Treasurer Brixie left the meeting at 7:05pm.**

#### C. 2017 Departmental Year End Review

Board and staff discussion:

- 2017 Departmental Year End Review
- Director Mattison: auditing, utility billing new formats and processes, actuarial data, and moving away from current online payment system
- Director Kieselbach: Form-Based Code, PICA, MUPUD, CIA, the Transportation Commission, commercial sign ordinance, parking issues and shared parking
- Director Buck : Master Plan, redevelopment and the Redevelopment Fund, Meridian Mall future development, PICA, MUPUD, CIA
- Chief Cowper: pension debt reduction, millage funding police and fire, Union agreement for 2017-2019, reduction in overtime pay, training, new warning sirens, new ambulance
- Director Gebes: phone system renovation, virtual servers / infrastructure decreasing footprint on the environment and reducing power, sequel servers, workstations, security around the municipal building
- Chief Hall: Diversity and new candidates for police officers, car designs and new uniform patches, working with new company for body cameras, mapping program for plotting calls for service, code of conduct, MACP accreditation, liability reduction
- Director Perry: SAW (Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater) program, SAD and roads in Sleepy Hollow, pathway across from Playmakers, and streetlights

#### D. 2018 M-Team Departmental Plan

- Board members and staff discussed the Management Team Departmental Plans for each department for 2018

#### E. Creating 2018 Action Plan

Board and staff discussion:

- Redevelopment of Core Commercial Areas
- Improve ISO Fire Rating
- Long-Term Road Funding
- Solar Array and Climate Sustainability Plan
- Medical Marijuana
- Redevelopment of Ready Communities
- Diversity
- Outdoor Warning Sirens
- Website
- Public Transportation

#### 7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Supervisor Styka opened Public Remarks

Leonard Provencher, 5824 Buena Parkway, Haslett; discussed the lack of Redi-Ride Service to Costco, wants more functional retail underneath residential units in MUPUDs, and proper Mixed Use within walkable distances.

Supervisor Styka closed Public Remarks.

8. OTHER MATTERS AND BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Manager Walsh mentioned that in 2018 that there will be a lot of focus on the Okemos 4 Corners, the Haslett Corridor, the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

9. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Styka adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

**Trustee Deschaine moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Jackson.**

VOICE VOTE: YEAS: Supervisor Styka, Trustees Deschaine, Jackson, Opsommer

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Clerk Dreyfus, Treasurer Brixie, Trustee Sundland

Motion carried 4-0

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RONALD J. STYKA  
TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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BRETT DREYFUS  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

Maggie Rodgers-Sanders, Secretary