REGULAR MEETING
ROSEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
29777 GRATIOT AVENUE
ROSEVILLE, MI 48066
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008
7 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chairperson	Otto Wilhelm
Vice-Chairperson	Geraldine White
Commissioners	Kurmmell Knox
	Frank Maisano
	Joseph Montgomery
	John Surhigh

ABSENT:	Commissioners	Robert Neibel	(excused)
		Robert Splane	(excused)
		Nancy Sunderman-Elert	(excused)

OTHERS PRESENT: Ben Tallerico, Planning Consultant
Jolynn Friedmann, Recording Secretary

Chairperson Otto Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMISSIONER FRANK MAISANO moved, COMMISSIONER GERALDINE WHITE seconded to excuse absent Commissioners Robert Neibel, Robert Splane and Nancy Sunderman-Elert.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

I. ROLL CALL

See face page for the Roll Call.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Regular Meeting held October 20, 2008.

COMMISSIONER JOSEPH MONTGOMERY moved, COMMISSIONER GERALDINE WHITE seconded to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 20, 2008
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. CORRESPONDENCE

Vice-Chairperson Geraldine White presented the following correspondence:

a. The Bi-Weekly SEMCOG Regional Update dated October 13 and November 10.
b. An advertisement from Michigan University Extension advertising a workshop about Wind Energy and Policy Issues.

Chairperson Otto Wilhelm received correspondence from LSL Planning, Inc. pertaining to the Gratiot Avenue Access Management Plan Steering Committee.

COMMISSIONER FRANK MAISANO moved, COMMISSIONER KURMMELL KNOX seconded to receive and file the correspondence.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. BILLS TO BE PAID

Vice-Chairperson Geraldine White presented a bill from Vilican Leman in the amount of $3,267 for the monthly retainer of $600 and Payment 6 of 9 for the Master Plan in the amount of $2,667.

COMMISSIONER KURMMELL KNOX moved, COMMISSIONER JOSEPH MONTGOMERY seconded to pay Vilican Leman a total of $3,267 for Professional Community Planning services for the month of October 2008.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

V. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

There was no Public Hearing.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

IX. REPORT OF PLANNING CONSULTANT

Planning Consultant Ben Tallerico reported to the Commission that he is currently comparing the data his office collected on the land use map to the SEMCOG's information and verifying the differences between the two. Mr. Tallerico will provide copies of the land use map to the Commission at the first meeting in December.

Mr. Tallerico discussed the following items that may be considered while concluding work on the Master Plan:

a. Consider establishing a downtown area in the City. This was the top issue voted on by the participants at the Visioning Session on September 29, 2008.
b. The Planning Commission may recommend a Downtown Development Authority or a Corridor Improvement Act; both items may be recommended in the Master Plan.
c. The Commission should look at the Light Industrial and the Industrial areas and possibly consider these areas for transitional housing such as assisted living homes for senior citizens.
d. The Commission may identify zones of concerns/transitions and map those out in the Plan. These zones may include the lack of industry, the number of vacant properties and the possibility of the City hiring an economic development person.

The Commissioners discussed several of these issues at length including brownfield districts, future development in the City, the need for an Economic Development Authority within the City and possible downtown areas in the City.

Mr. Tallerico reminded the Commission that they are the adopting body with the Master Plan. The Commission may meet with City Council to discuss the Master Plan.

Chairperson Otto Wilhelm stated that beginning in January the Commission will conduct both the Study Session and the Regular Meeting to finish working on the Master Plan and recommended that the Commission wait until January to schedule a meeting with City Council so the Commission may work out more details in the Master Plan before they present the information to Council.

X. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

XI. COMMISSION MEMBERS TO BE HEARD

Commissioner Joseph Montgomery offered condolences to City Clerk Richard Steenland and family on the passing of his mother and congratulated Mayor Harold Haugh on his election to the office of State Representative.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

COMMISSIONER KURMMELL KNOX moved, COMMISSIONER GERALDINE WHITE seconded that the agenda having been acted upon, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:48 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Steenland, City Clerk

Please Note: A cassette tape of this meeting is on file with the Clerk's Office for further information.