

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: CED 19

ISSUE CATEGORY: Community & Economic Development

SOURCE: Staff

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: Art. 8 (Planning and Financial Procedures),

Letter, November 2010

Ch. 1 (Planning Procedure)

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Create new role and mechanism for development and execution of Master Plan.

(A) The City shall develop and maintain a “master plan” for social and economic support and development for the residents of the city. The plan shall be developed by

1) A publicly elected Master Plan Commission elected from every ward or district in Detroit. Additionally, the Master Plan Commission shall have six at-large members or as many members beyond the six at-large members to equal an odd number of Commissioners. Three at-large members shall be appointed by the Mayor with consent by the City Council. Three at-large neighborhood members shall be selected by community development agencies by nomination to the City Council and consent by the Planning Director. The City Council shall appropriate \$250,000 (US dollars based in 2010 dollar value) for the creation of and staffing of the Master Plan Commission. Commissioners shall serve voluntarily without compensation. A meeting stipend not to exceed \$1,000.00 shall be paid to Master Plan Commissioners.

2) The Master Plan Commission shall be created and installed for a ten year period following the release of the U.S. Decennial Census and shall remain in effect for one year to develop a comprehensive Master Plan. The development of the Master Plan shall involve taking of public testimony in every ward or district within the city and shall include the potential for developing specialized taxation districts not limited to commercial or business development, but to support neighborhood development and cooperative business development. The Master Plan will also explore the possibilities of “work creation zones or districts” designed to demonstrate the efficacy of creating local jobs by re-introducing outsourced public work for expanded public employment. Examples of this re-investment in the people of Detroit to produce jobs and grow our economy is reclaiming road work within defined “work creation zones” for direct City controlled and operated road construction and re-construction projects utilizing city resources, employees and assets. The Master Plan may outline the amount of investment designed to re-claim outsourced work, the educational and training requirements to re-invest in Detroit city workers (new and old), and a proportionate strategy to re-claim work over a given period of time that will reverse the dependency of city road construction from private contractors to public workers. The Master Plan may also work with City Engineering to examine best cost durable materials and methodologies used in road construction to reverse the “plan obsolescence” of private road work.

3) Amendments to the Master Plan shall be considered, rejected or approved by the Detroit City Council insofar as the amendments advance the plan established by the Master Plan Commission. The Council shall receive the input and recommendations from planning officials from both the executive and legislative branches of local government.

4) The comprehensive Master Plan or updates to the Master Plan must be presented in a public hearing by the director of the planning department 30 days in advance of the “State of the City” address given by the Mayor of the city.

The planning director's report shall summarize the progress or impediments to implementing the comprehensive Master Plan developed by the Master Plan Commission.

RATIONALE: **Setting the direction for growth and development resulting in increased jobs and tax support for government operations.** Economic development tools and planning shall be consolidated within a department within the City of Detroit. Appropriate economic development and planning oversight shall also exist in the legislative branch of local government. City leaders shall set the direction or main developmental direction for the city, not outside agencies or quasi-governmental agencies/organizations.

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: See "Historical Charter Analysis of Planning Procedure (Master Plan)", dated July 28, 2010; "Historical Charter Analysis of Community and Economic Development", dated July 22, 2010; and "Historical Charter Analysis of City Planning – City Planning Commission; City Planning Department", dated July 22, 2010.