

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GDS 13

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Department & Services

SOURCE: City Council

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §6-203 ([Planning Dept.] Current Planning)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT: Various grammatical changes suggested. Reference Michigan Planning Enabling Act as it applies to the operations and functions of the Planning Department.

Sec. 6-203. Current planning.

The planning department shall have continuing liaison with all agencies of the executive branch. It may assign any relevant study to any executive branch agency. Any agency, with the knowledge and consent of the planning department director, may undertake the study of any development matter within the scope of its duties. The planning department shall receive all reports concerning development matters and other information that it requests. The planning department director shall, with the head of any agency involved, evaluate all reports and information received by the planning department in light of the policies, programs and priorities of the mayor and the master plan, as provided in the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Sec. 49 (MCL 125.3849).

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RATIONALE: “This language is proposed by the city planning commission to conform to state law.”-*City Council’s Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.*

“Typically in Michigan, master plan reports and information would be under the purview of the planning commission, not a planning department—an arrangement favored by municipalities with small land mass. However, MCL 125.3849 was adopted to recognize Detroit’s unique situation wherein the planning department (P&DD) prepares and offers amendments to the master plan to the planning commission (CPC)—a format that responds to sizeable task of planning for a 139-square mile land mass. P&DD proposes; CPC responds and acts.”-*Supplemental Rationale from Marcell Todd, Director, Planning Department, Email dated December 13, 2010.*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: See Historical Charter Analysis entitled “Historical Charter Analysis of City Planning – City Planning Commission; City Planning Department,” dated July 22, 2010 and “Historical Charter Analysis of Planning Procedure (Master Plan),” dated July 28, 2010.

