

**CITY OF MASON
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2008**

Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 201 W. Ash Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Commissioners: Boyic, Burns, Droscha, Johnson, Naeyaert, Reeser, Smith, Tornholm
Absent: Commissioner: Hunt
Also present: Martin A. Colburn, City of Mason Administrator
David Haywood, Zoning & Development Director
Deborah Cwierniewicz, Deputy Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 14, 2008

The Minutes of October 14, 2008, were approved as submitted.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

Resolution No. 2008-11 – A Resolution Recommending that the City Council Not Amend or Adopt a New Master Plan

Resolution No. 2008-11 was introduced by Smith and seconded by Naeyaert. Haywood gave a brief overview of the list of issues that the Ad Hoc Review Committee considered as the basis for its recommendation that the City Council not amend or adopt a new Master Plan. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION by Tornholm, second by Naeyaert,
to amend Resolution No. 2008-11 in the fifth paragraph, at the end of the sentence insert the following: “at this time. City staff is to prepare plans for updating the City’s Master Plan beginning July 2010.”

Yes (5) Boyic, Droscha, Johnson, Reeser, Tornholm

No (3) Burns, Naeyaert, Smith

MOTION APPROVED

**CITY OF MASON
PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2008-11
A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL
NOT AMEND OR ADOPT A NEW MASTER PLAN
November 12, 2008**

WHEREAS, Section 45(2) of Public Act 33 of 2008 (Michigan Planning Enabling Act) requires that, “At least every 5 years after the adoption of a Master plan, a planning commission shall review the master plan and determine whether to commence the procedure to amend the master plan or adopt a new master plan”; and

WHEREAS, The City of Mason’s current master plan was adopted in April, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The “Maintaining a Current Master Plan” component of Chapter four of the Master Plan lists the “important questions” that should be asked when evaluating the plan as the following:

1. Does the Plan present valid and current inventory data (Appendices)?
2. Does the discussion of planning issues and goals/objectives (Chapter 2) continue to be appropriate for the City today and, if not, what additions, deletions or other revisions should be considered?
3. Does the Future Land Use Strategy (Chapter 3) continue to reflect the preferred strategy for addressing development and preservation and, if not, what revisions should be considered?

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission has determined that the answers to the “important questions” listed above are “yes”.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Mason Planning Commission does hereby recommend that the City Council not amend or adopt a new Master Plan at this time. City staff are to prepare plans for updating the City’s Master Plan beginning in July 2010.

RESOLUTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Distributed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Naeyaert informed the Commission regarding current City Council business.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Colburn informed Commissioners regarding current city business.

PEOPLE FROM THE FLOOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Martin A. Colburn, City Clerk