

**CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
LULA LEE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 200 E. WALL STRET
January 4, 2022**

Present: Commissioners Henry, Hensel, McGee, City Manager / Commissioner Mitchell, and Chairman Reed.

Absent: Commissioners Ferguson, Marshall, Mayor Muhammad, Commissioner Yarbrough

City Staff Present: Chief Code Compliance Officer Bruce, Community & Economic Development Director Little, and City Clerk Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 1:17 p.m. by Chairman Reed.

AGENDA

With no additions or changes to the Agenda, it was approved on the following roll call vote. Yeas: Commissioners McGee, Manager Mitchell, Commissioners Hensel, Henry, Chairman Reed. Nays: None, Members Absent: Commissioner Yarbrough, Mayor Muhammad, Commissioners Marshall and Ferguson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Chairman Reed, and supported by Commissioner McGee to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021, with corrections. Motion carried on the following roll call vote. Yeas: Manager Mitchell, Commissioners Henry, McGee, Hensel, Chairman Reed. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Ferguson, Marshall, Mayor Muhammad, and Commissioner Yarbrough.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Hensel, and supported by Manager Mitchell to approve the 2022 Meeting Schedule. Motion carried on the following roll call vote. Yeas: Commissioners Henry, Hensel, Manager Mitchell, Commissioner McGee, Chairman Reed. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Marshall, Mayor Muhammad, and Commissioners Yarbrough and Ferguson.

OLD BUSINESS

MONTHLY ABSENCE REPORT OF MEMBERS

Chairman Reed stated that Commissioner Yarbrough was excused, all other are absent without prior approval.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Chairman Reed stated he has not yet heard from McKenna and Mr Lippens on the specifics as to how they want to schedule the next series of meetings. During the last discussion he was going to give a calendar of availability so he can meet with the remainder of the City Commissioners.

Commissioner Henry wants to make sure that newly 4th Ward elect is included.

Chairman Reed wants to make sure that the citizens are involved and understand the issues. He will make arrangements with Dial-a-Ride so the citizens have transportation.

Director Little wanted to remind Chairman Reed that when he schedules these tours that the contractors will be working on lead line removal.

Chairman Reed stated Community Benefits Agreements need to be looked at during the Master Planning process.

Discussion proceeding on where this conversation should begin and how to put it in place.

COMMISSION / STAFF COMMENTS

Director Little gave an update on Ox Creek.

Commissioner Henry inquired on the agreement made with Tetra regarding the hard surface. Director Little stated they agreed to install concrete.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Chairman Reed and seconded by Commissioner Henry to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on the following roll call vote. Yeas: Commissioners Henry, Hensel, McGee, Manager Mitchell, Chairman Reed. Nays: None. Absent: Commissioners Ferguson, Marshall, Mayor Muhammad, and Commissioner Yarbrough.

With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Tiffany Moore, City Clerk

Lee Reed, Chairman