

**OWOSSO CITY COUNCIL**

**JANUARY 28, 2008**

**6:00 P.M.**

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** MAYOR MICHAEL E. BRUFF

**PRESENT:** Mayor Michael E. Bruff, Mayor Pro-Tem mark D. Owen, Councilpersons Michael N. Cline, Joni M. Forster, Benjamin R. Frederick, Gary W. Martenis, and Jason D. Simmons.

**ABSENT:** None.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion supported by Councilperson Cline and concurred in by unanimous vote.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

There were no citizen comments.

**SET TIME LIMIT**

Motion by Councilperson Forster to set one hour time limit for meeting.

Motion supported by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen.

Roll Call Vote

**AYES:** Councilpersons Forster, Martenis, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Cline, Frederick, Simmons, and Mayor Bruff.

**NAYS:** None.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Joseph A. Fivas presented a work session agenda.

The Council discussed each item on the agenda leaving the decision making process for a regular meeting. City Manager Fivas asked each council member what economic development meant to them specifically. Discussion centered on developing jobs, recruiting good paying high tech jobs, increasing the standard of living, increasing the quality of life, developing a more diversified economy, recruiting more retail to the downtown and developing a plan for the downtown.

**TIME LIMIT EXTENSION**

Motion by Councilperson Frederick to extend meeting by thirty minutes.

Motion supported by Councilperson Martenis.

**AYES:** Councilpersons Cline, Frederick, Simmons, Forster, Martenis, Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, and Mayor Bruff.

**NAYS:** None.

There was also discussion on how to attract families to live in and spend money in Owosso. The Council also felt the entrances into the City of Owosso were not very well defined and needed to be improved. There was further discussion of what Owosso would be like in 5 to 10 years.

Council discussed options with regard to the Owosso Hotel Site.

**TIME LIMIT EXTENSION**

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Owen to extend meeting another thirty minutes.

Motion supported by Councilperson Forster.

**AYES:** Mayor Pro-Tem Owen, Councilpersons Frederick, Martenis, Cline, Simmons, Forster, and Mayor Bruff.

**NAYS:** None.

SEDP Director Justin Horvath gave a presentation on goals and objectives for SEDP (Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership).

Council agreed to discuss more strategic planning at future council meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Councilperson Frederick for adjournment at 7:57 P.M.

Motion supported by Councilperson Simmons and concurred in by unanimous vote.

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Michael E. Bruff, Mayor

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Roxane Cramer, City Clerk's Assistant