

City of Plainwell



“The Island City”

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Todd Overhuel, Mayor Pro-Tem
Brad Keeler, Council Member
Roger Keeney, Council Member
Lori Steele, Council Member

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Agenda Planning Commission November 2, 2016 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Minutes: 09/21/16 Planning Meeting**
5. **Chairman’s Report**
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Site Plan Review – 140 S. Main St.**
Commission will review the plans to join buildings at 138 S. Main and 140 S. Main for Barbed Wire Café (currently Plainwell Diner)
7. **Old Business:**
8. **Public Comment**
9. **Reports and Communications:**
 - A. **9/12/16, 9/26/16, and 10/10/16 Council minutes**
 - B. **7/26/16 M40/M89 Corridor Committee Minutes**
10. **Staff Comments**
 - A. **City Update**
11. **Commissioners Comments**
12. **Adjournment**

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Plainwell Planning Commission
September 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01

ROLL CALL: Present Slinkman, Steele, Haas, Lubic, Higgs Absent: Sausaman, Weaver

Denise Siegel informed the Commission that Carol Weaver had reassigned do to poor health.

Lubic said with Noreen not returning the commission should address items that had been put on hold awaiting her return. Gun Plain Master Plan, Rental Ordinance, discrepancies & typos in sign ordinance. Lubic requested that someone at city hall review the sign ordinance for additional discrepancies in the sign ordinance in addition to the 20sq. ft./200 sq. ft. issue.

APPROVAL OF 8-3-16 MINUTES: Higgs motioned to approve, with the correction in the roll call portion Lubic should be marked as excused. Slinkman supported. On voice vote motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing-city of Plainwell 2016 Master Plan. Denise Siegel introduced Max Dillivan from LSL who gave an overview of the updates made to the 2009 Master Plan. The various ways the city reached out to the public; survey, open house etc. The inclusion of State updates and to showcase available land in Plainwell and best practices. Review and update every five (5) years of a Master Plan is standard.

Higgs had found additional corrections to the current land use map: 1. property at the corner of Russet & N. Main should be Multi use, 2. Thomas between Sherwood and First St. on the east side should be Multi use. 3. east side of Warrant (Nelson Accounting building) should be commercial.

City Manager Erik Wilson said the city is working to get GIS up & running so the process to create maps can be done in house and will keep maps accurate and current.

Higgs questioned using 'EMPLOYMENT' as a land use term on the future land use map. Discussion showed the term is a carry over from the 2009 Master Plan and is defined to be more inclusive of the variety of potential businesses—office, research, labs, light manufacturing etc.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:29

Higgs moved to recommend adoption of Master Plan 2016 to City Council with the corrections listed above. Slinkman supported. On a voice vote motion passed.

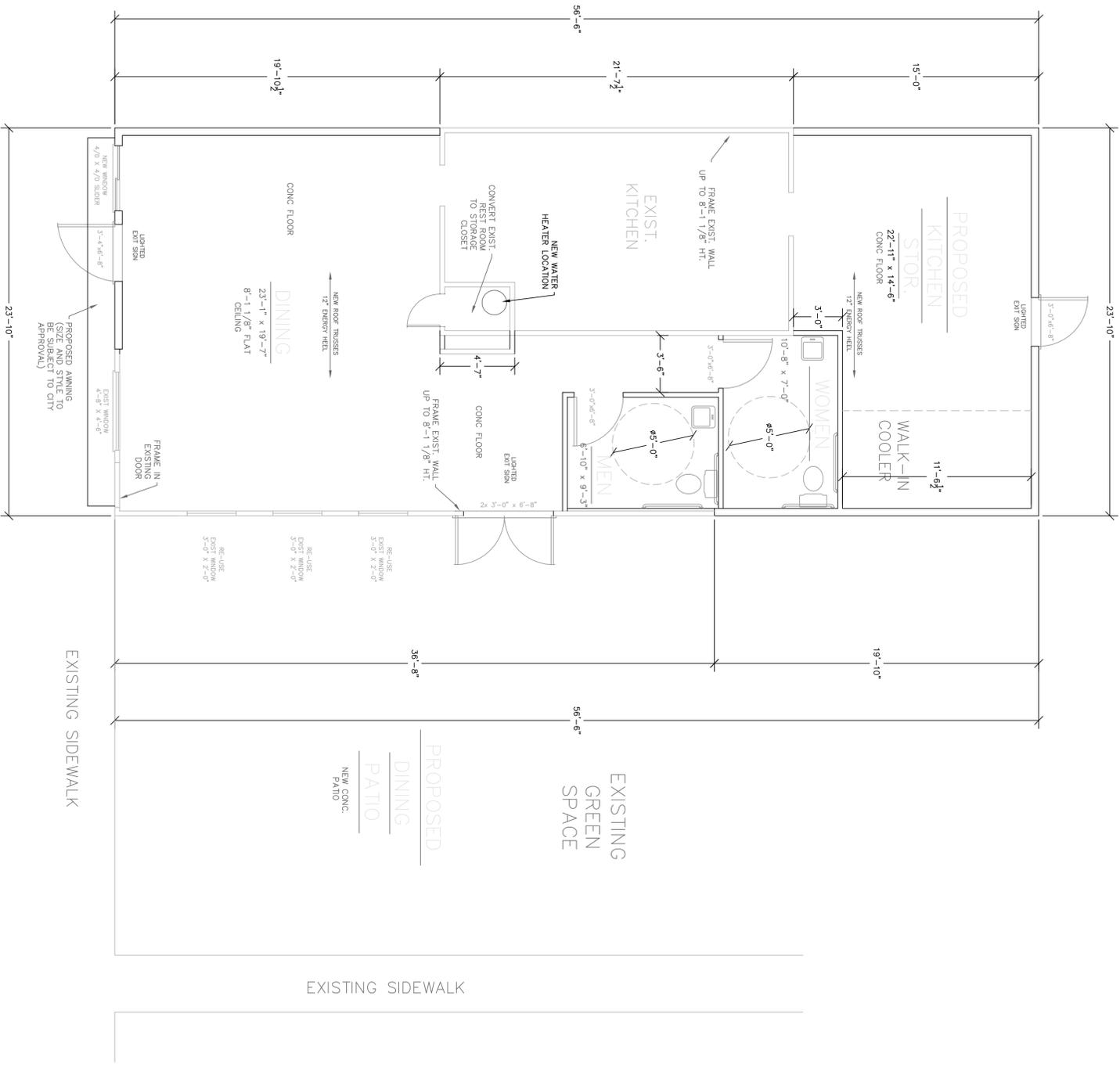
CITY UPDATE: 3 individuals are interested in the old Hardings building, 1 is interested in the property across from Wesco.

COMMISSONER COMMENTS: Lori's stepdaughter ran a marathon in 5 hrs 40 mins, Diana will be attending the Michigan Association Planning Conference on Oct 26-28 in Kalamazoo. Diana took a blue ribbon for her quilt at the Allegan county Fair. Jim mentioned the long list of "can't put outs" on junk day that was sent out. Chris listed upcoming events Path Walk-10/2, Pumpkins in the park, Historic Home Tour, Arts & Eats 10/15, Take & Make signs fund raiser 11/20

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:40

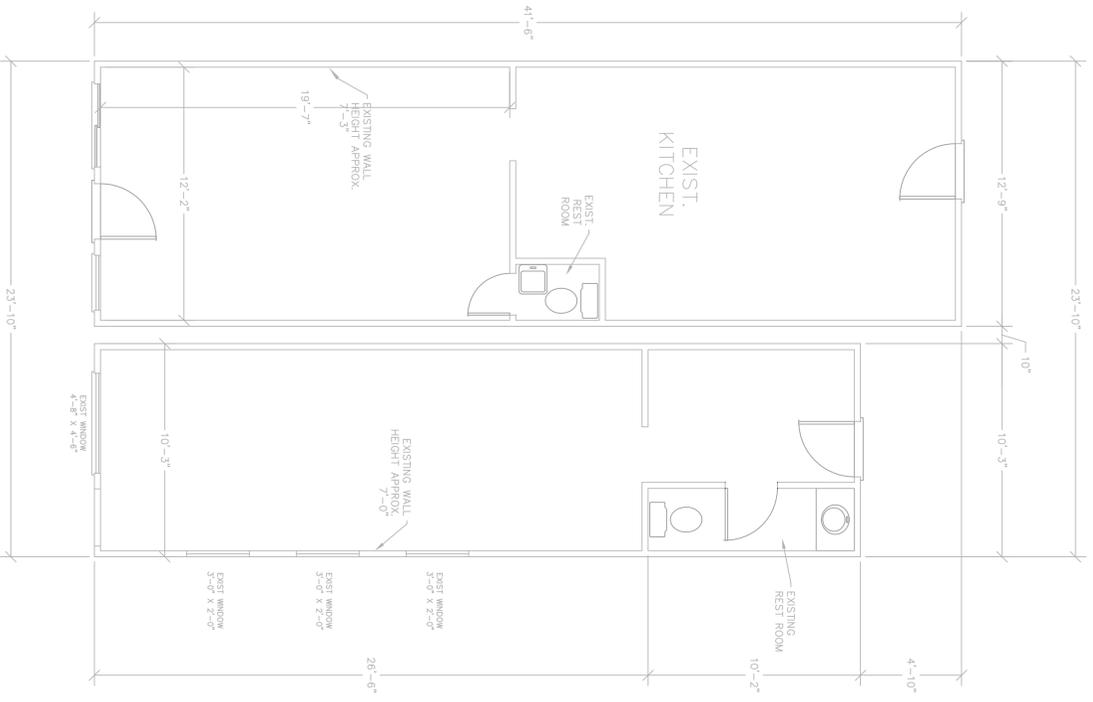
Respectfully Submitted

Chris Haas



**PROPOSED
FLOOR PLAN**

EXISTING
NEW



EXISTING FLOOR PLAN

Xcel & Jendesp/Modsch

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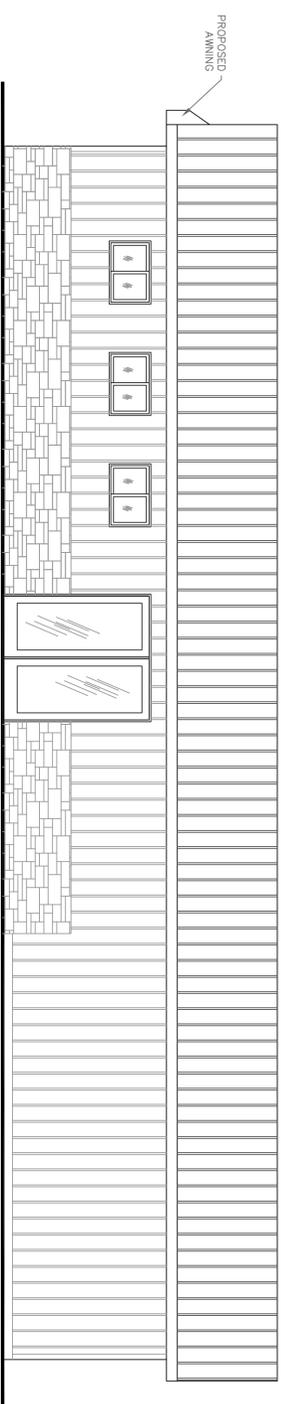
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 2. ALL FLOORS AND LINES OF EGRESS TO HAVE SLIP RESISTANT SURFACES
 3. ALL MEANS OF EGRESS DOORS: HANDLES, PULLS, LATCHES, LOCKS AND OTHER OPENING DEVICES SHALL BE IN A MAXIMUM OF 48" FROM THE TOP OF THE DOOR AND SHALL NOT REQUIRE TIGHT GRASPING, TIGHT PINCHING OR TWISTING OF THE WRIST TO OPERATE
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 5. FIRE BLOCKING REQUIRED ON ALL OVERHANGS NOT TO EXCEED 20' INTERVALS
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- EACH ATTIC AREA TO HAVE A MIN. ACCESS OPENING OF 22' X 30'
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- EACH ATTIC AREA TO BE A MAXIMUM OF 3,000# SQ.FT. DRAFTSTOP IN ATTIC AREA CONSISTING OF 1 LAYER OF 1/2" DPC WALL OR 1/2" OSB CONTIGUOUS FROM CEILING TO ROOF DECK
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- UNSEX RESTROOM MUST BE SECURED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MFC (1109.2.11.7)
- WATER CLOSET TO MEET ANSI (604.2)
- ALL EXPOSED PIPES AND SURFACES MEET ANSI (606.6)
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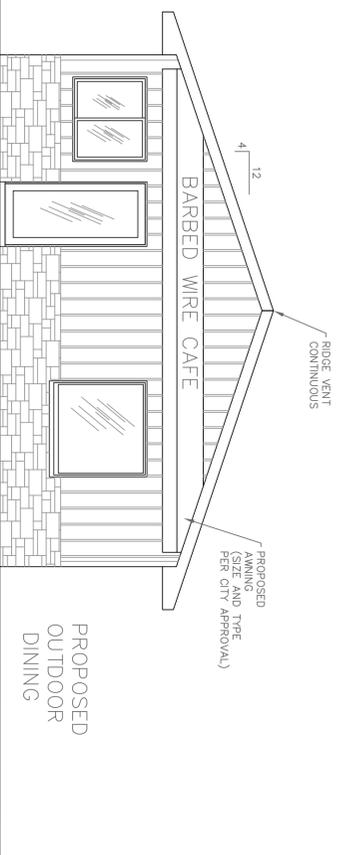
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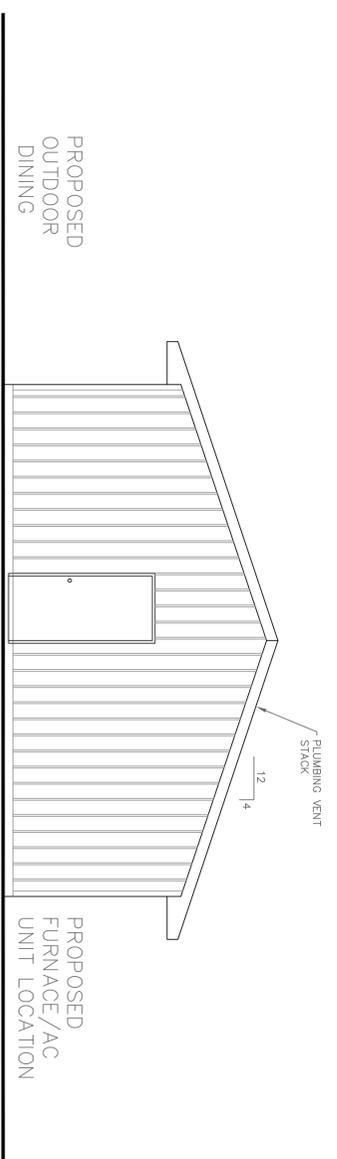
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MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
September 12, 2016

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation was given by Don Mejeur of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Councilman Keeler and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel and Councilman Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 08/22/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
None
7. Agenda Amendments: None.
8. Mayor's Report
The Mayor remarked that it hardly seemed 15 years since 9/11.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Chief Bomar reported that the 1982 Ford/Clay Craft ambulance apparatus has been auctioned off with a total of four (4) bidders. He recommends selling the vehicle to the high bidder, Larry Cheesbro of Muskegon for \$1,175.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to approve the sale of the 1982 Ford/ClayCraft fire apparatus to the high bidder for \$1,175. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Treasurer Kelley noted that the city's Investment Policy authorizes the City Treasurer to report on the approved depositories. He noted that the Resolution before Council authorizes the banks that could be used by the city as depositories for the city's money. He also requested the Chemical Bank be listed as the primary depository for the city's funds as its fees and services better fit the city's needs.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve Resolution 16-18 for Approved Financial Institutions as Depositories. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - C. City Manager Wilson briefed Council on a Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) project to repair runway cracks at the Airport. The city is responsible for 50% of the project (\$2,500), which has been budgeted. As with other MDOT project, the State requires a resolution from Council authorizing the Manager to sign the documents.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve Resolution 16-19 authorizing the MDOT Contract 2016-0438 to repair cracks in the airport runway to authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to the project. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- D. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the need to move the power supply at the WR plant to a more aesthetic and safe location. Consumers Energy has bid on the project, which was included in the current budget cycle.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve the service project with Consumers Energy to relocate the WR Plant power supply for \$14,221. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- E. Superintendent Updike briefed Council about the city's main front-end loader what had experienced a hardware failure and the repair contractor (AIS Construction) recommended replacing the coupler part rather than repairing it – a better long-term solution. The purchase was made as an emergency purchase due to pending leaf pickup and snowfall.

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, to confirm the emergency purchase of a replacement coupler arm on the John Deere front end loader from AIS Construction for \$7,581.97. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- F. Superintendent Updike briefed Council about a critical component of the water system that had recently failed. A replacement variable frequency drive for Well 7 was ordered, under emergency, in order to maintain the integrity of the water system.

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, to confirm the emergency purchase of a variable frequency drive for Well 7 from Kendall Electric in the amount of \$6,607.25. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

- G. Superintendent Pond briefed Council about upgrading the HVAC system in the Control Building and recommends using Thermal Tech Engineering for the design phase.

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve the professional services project for design engineering for the HVAC system at the Control Building from Thermal Tech Engineering in the amount of \$7,475.00. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler to accept and place on file the August 2016 Investment and Fund Balance reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$662,930.22 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Public Comments

None.

13. Staff Comments

Economic Development Manager Siegel reminded everyone that the public hearing for the Master Plan Update is September 21, 2016 at 7pm. She also noted applying for a \$6,000 grant from the Delano Foundation for the Dog Park. She reminded everyone that voting continues through September 16 for the photo contest. She also listed a number of community events on Saturday, September 17.

Personnel Manager Lamorandier noted that she is working with Public Safety to interview potential paid-on-call firefighters. She also remarked how wonderful the parks still look.

Superintendent Updike noted that the city's paving projects should be completed by September 23, weather permitting.

Superintendent Pond remarked that his capital projects are moving along nicely.

Chief Bomar noted that he is tracking legislation moving through Lansing regarding legalization of marijuana and would keep Council briefed.

Treasurer Kelley noted that the auditors will be on-site the week of September 19.

City Manager Wilson noted that Kalamazoo Habitat for Humanity would be redoubling efforts to place a family in need into the land owned by the organization inside the city. He also noted that the available real estate in Plainwell is moving fast.

14. Council Comments:

None

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
September 26, 2016

1. Mayor Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation was given by Matt Hooper of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Brooks, Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeler, Councilman Keeney and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: None.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, supported by Overhuel, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 09/12/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
 - A. Ryan Kronk, Operations Manager from Plainwell Area EMS, presented Chief Bomar and the Plainwell Public Safety Department with an award on behalf of the American Heart Association. The award is part of the AHA's program called Mission Life Line, recognizing excellent first-responder care for heart patients. As part of the award, the AHA presented the city with a new Life Pack AED 1000 machine with a market value of \$2,500. Special recognition was given to Public Safety Officer David Rantz for managing the first-responder team for training and certifications. The text of Mr. Kronk's award presentation is below:

"Plainwell Public Safety has earned the team Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze award from the American Heart Association. This award acknowledged the work, training, and commitment by EMS agencies and Medical First Responders to improve the overall quality of care for the STEMI patient. EMS providers are vital to the overall success of Mission: Lifeline STEMI Systems of Care, as early identification of the STEMI patient and early access to 12 lead ECG machines with implemented protocols, are agents that are driving significant improvements in the care of STEMI patients. On behalf of the American Heart Association, as well as your patients, thank you for your hard work and dedication."
 - B. Economic Development Manager Denise Siegel present the city's photo contest winners.

9-12 year People's Choice – Janae Yoder- "Two Tailed Swallowtail"
13-16 year People's Choice – Katie Groner – "Fall is in the Air"
Adult People's Choice 3rd Place Becca Mitchell – "Decked Out for Christmas"
2nd Place Becca Mitchell – "Snowy Morning on the River"
1st Place – Earl Batenburg – "Double Rainbow"
Best In Show winner – Alex Wieland "Reflection"
7. Agenda Amendments: None.
8. Mayor's Report: None.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Denise Sweet notified Council of the annual Pumpkins in the Park event and the tradition it's become over the years. The event is scheduled for October 15, 2016.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to approve Special Event Permit 2016-016 for the Pumpkins in the Park Fall Festival on October 15, 2016. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Mayor Brooks has reappointed members to several boards & commissions.
A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, to confirm the Mayor's reappointments as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

C. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the need for new component parts to compliment the recently approved and purchased methane gas flare. This purchase will help the city realize the efficiencies from the new flare.

A motion by Keeney, supported by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of supplementary waste gas flare components from Shand & Jurs for \$9,620. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

D. Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the next phase of the budgeted project to upgrade the Wedgewood Lift Station.

A motion by Keeler, supported by Overhuel, to approve the purchase of a replacement control panel for the Wedgewood Lift Station from Control Systems Integrator for \$8,713. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

10. Communications:

A motion by Steele, seconded by Overhuel to accept and place on file the August 2016 Water Renewal and Public Safety reports. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

11. Accounts Payable:

A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$189,744.93 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.

12. Public Comments

None.

13. Staff Comments

Personnel Manager Lamorandier thanked Denise Sweet for her work with the kids in the parks.

Economic Development Manager Siegel reminded everyone of many community-wide events taking place on October 15. She noted the Christian Neighbors Path Walk on October 2. She briefed Council about doing some re-work on a DNR grant proposal for an accessible restroom at Sherwood Park. Finally, she noted that the Planning Commission had approved the Master Plan and that it would be considered by Council on October 10.

Superintendent Pond remarked that his capital projects are moving along nicely.

Chief Bomar noted the 57th District Court would be having a real-life court session at the Plainwell Performing Arts Center at 1pm on September 30, open to the public. He also noted that the Red Cross along with Plainwell firefighters would be canvassing neighborhoods to hand out and install smoke detectors.

Treasurer Kelley noted that the auditors completed the fieldwork on September 21, 2016 without incident.

14. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem Overhuel noted that City Manager Wilson had won his fantasy football game.

Councilwoman Steele noted that there was an issue with the barbed wire around the chlorinator near her home because turkeys were getting stuck inside the fence.

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer

MINUTES
Plainwell City Council
October 10, 2016

1. Mayor Pro-tem Overhuel called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM in City Hall Council Chambers.
2. Invocation was given by Steve Smail of Lighthouse Baptist Church.
3. Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present.
4. Roll Call: Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Overhuel, Councilman Keeler and Councilwoman Steele. Absent: Mayor Brooks and Councilman Keeney.
5. Approval of Minutes/Summary:
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to accept and place on file the Council Minutes and Summary of the 09/26/2016 regular meeting. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.
6. General Public / County Commissioner:
County Commissioner Don Black continues to look for feedback regarding the American Psychiatric Foundation's desire to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails.
7. Agenda Amendments: None.
8. Mayor's Report: None.
9. Recommendations and Reports:
 - A. Economic Development Manager Denise Siegel was not in attendance to present the Master Plan.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to table the consideration of the Master Plan until the October 24, 2016 meeting. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - B. Draft Ordinance 377 – Weapons Ordinance was entered for first reading and scheduled for final adoption on October 24, 2016.
 - C. Mayor Brooks appointed Jay Lawson to the Planning Commission to complete the Carol Weaver's term.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to confirm the Mayor's reappointments as presented. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
 - D. City Manager Wilson updated Council on the modifications to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 517M. He noted the contract expired on June 30, 2016 and that negotiations went favorably. The SEIU was commended for positive collaborations regarding the city's recent health insurance conversion.
A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler, to approve the three-year contract with SEIU Local 517M as presented. On a roll-call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
10. Communications:
A motion by Steele, seconded by Keeler to accept and place on file the September 2016 Fund Balance and Investment Reports, the 08/09/2016 DDA/BRA/TIFA Minutes and the 03/03/2016 Inter-Municipal Sewer Minutes. On a voice vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
11. Accounts Payable:
A motion by Keeler, supported by Steele, that the bills be allowed and orders drawn in the amount of \$47,932.92 for payment of same. On a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion passed.
12. Public Comments
None.

13. Staff Comments

Superintendent Pond briefed Council on the ongoing capital projects in the Wedgewood area and with the SCADA system.

Chief Bomar noted an October 19, 2016 collaborative training between Life Care Center and the Public Safety Department related to working with Alzheimer's and Dementia patients. He remarked that this week is Fire Prevention Week, as well as the department's work with Plainwell Schools for Homecoming Week.

Treasurer Kelley noted that he is working on finalizing the audit and preparing for the November election.

City Manager Wilson noted a birthday Open House for City Clerk Noreen Farmer on Wednesday, October 12, 2016. He noted that the Administration is working on updating a SAW Grant that would net the city nearly one-million dollars. He also hopes to bring to Council on October 24, 2016 up to two (2) offers related to the Harding's Building.

14. Council Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem Overhuel thanked the Public Works Department for its work in having very few issues with the water system that would cause any boil water advisories.

Councilwoman Steele briefed Council about the family situation of a regular Council meeting attendee.

15. Adjournment:

A motion by Steele, supported by Keeler to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM. On voice vote, all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully

Submitted by,

Brian Kelley

Deputy City Clerk/City Treasurer

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M-40/M-89 Corridor Committee Minutes

July 26, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Allegan Township Hall

3037 118th Avenue

Allegan, Michigan 49010

1. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Kaarlie welcomed everyone and introductions occurred at 10:00 a.m. People in attendance included:

- Dave Bee, West Michigan Regional Planning Commission
- Larry Brown, Allegan County Road Commission
- Jason Cole, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Linda Evans, Allegan Township
- Bill Gurn, Haworth
- Aaron Haskin, City of Allegan
- Elisa Hoekwater, Macatawa Area Coordinating Council
- Bob Kaarlie, Allegan County Road Commission
- Dean Kapenga, Allegan County Board of Commissioners
- Brad Pepper, Perrigo
- Harry Smith, Valley Township
- Bret Sommers, Michigan Department of Transportation
- Michael VanDenBerg, Gun Plain Charter Township
- Marv Voss, Cheshire Township
- Todd Whiteman, Disability Advocates

2. Review of Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY Michael VanDenBerg to accept the minutes of April 26, 2016. **SUPPORTED BY** Dean Kapenga. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. MDOT Update

An update was provided by Bret Sommers and Jason Cole. Basically stated that all projects at the north end of the corridor are progressing nicely. Other updates throughout meeting.

4. Allegan County Road Commission Update

Larry Brown informed the Committee that the Safety Project on 142nd is finished. He also discussed culvert replacement on 30th Street in preparation to paving project next year. About half done with gravel work for the year, second round of dust control ongoing for those communities that chose two rounds, 2/3 done with crack sealing, and not yet started on chip seal. Asking for resolutions of support to have MDOT take the lead on a project at 48th and M-40. Paving of 122nd in progress and tree removal ongoing.

5. West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Update

Dave Bee informed the Committee that the WMRPC is currently seeking to fill the Planner position at the Commission. This person is in charge of Asset Management, Rural Task Force, and Small Urban Program...all of which are transportation-related. Contact D. Bee if your community is interested in seeking a grant from the US Economic Development Administration. M-179 Pure Michigan Byway Study is ongoing.

6. Macatawa Area Coordinating Council

Elisa Hoekwater provided an update for the MACC. She discussed transportation asset management, an MDOT grant for Regional Transit Connectivity, and the ongoing US-31 reconstruction project.

7. Local Businesses/Communities/Other Organizations – Updates, Issues, and Concerns

Brad Pepper discussed Perrigo's new distribution center, which will be built in Allegan's Industrial Park. The new center will take a lot of truck traffic away from Allegan's downtown by shifting it to M-222. There was some discussion about the number of trucks required to bring in the required amount of fill-dirt needed to complete the center. Larry Brown requested to be kept informed of transportation-related activities.

8. Discussion of Long and Short Term Goals

There was a lot of discussion about the area around the Tulip City Truck Stop and the interchange. Many concerns related to signals on both sides of the bridge over I-196.

9. Round Table/ Corridor Issues

- Elisa Hoekwater provide handouts related to farming and water quality.
- Michael VanDenBerg praised MDOT for its work on M-89 in the Plainwell area.
- Bob Kaarlie told the group that the tour of the ACRC facilities was successful.
- Harry Smith initiated a conversation about the traffic signal at the bottom of water tower hill in Allegan.
- Larry Brown informed the Committee that the school district is considering relocating its transportation center at M-40 and 48th Street which could provide an opportunity to improve the intersection.

10. Future Meeting Dates and Locations

The remaining meeting date for 2016 is October 25 (last Tuesday quarterly) at Allegan Township at 10:00 a.m. Meeting dates for 2017 will be set at the next meeting.

11. Future Agenda Items

Dave Bee requested anybody with ideas or speakers to contact him.

12. Other Business

There was no other business

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

M-40/M-89 CORRIDOR COMMITTEE

October 25, 2016

10:00 a.m.

NOTICE CHANGED LOCATION!!!

Allegan County Road Commission

1308 Lincoln Road

Allegan, Michigan 49010

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Minutes (Enclosed)
3. MDOT Update
4. Allegan County Road Commission Update
5. Macatawa Area Coordinating Council Update
6. West Michigan Regional Planning Commission Update
7. Local Businesses – Issues & Concerns
8. Discussion of long and short-term projects (Current list enclosed)
9. Round Table/Corridor Issues
10. Future Meeting Dates (set 2017 dates)
 - January 31, April 25, July 25, October 31
11. Future Agenda Items (identify topics and speakers)
12. Other Business
13. Adjournment

M-40/M-89 Long and Short Term Issues, Goals, and Actions (January 26, 2016)

Long-Term Issues, Goals, and Actions (Over Five Years into the Future)

#	Issue	Goal	Actions
1.	Vehicles lack the ability to pass slower moving vehicles between Allegan and M-89 (to the northwest)	Construct and maintain a passing relief lane between Allegan and 28th Street.	The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) will investigate the feasibility of adding passing relief lanes.
Note: Currently this project is not likely to occur due to limited funding for capacity expansion and the large number of curb cuts in the corridor.			
2.	Slow-moving trucks negatively impact traffic	Establish a truck check station to determine if trucks are over-loaded or under-powered	The Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Division needs to be informed of this issue and consulted for appropriate actions. Determine if a Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Site is feasible.
3.	Traffic in commercial area of Otsego Township.	Perform a complete corridor improvements plan for Otsego Township.	MDOT, ACRC, Otsego Township, the cities of Otsego and Plainwell, and local businesses will perform a complete study to determine the long-term needs of the commercial corridor. Dave Bee and Steve Redmond will inquire about status of study.
4.	Truck and automobile traffic in the City of Allegan (see short-term issues 1, 3, & 4)	Determine the long-term feasibility of a bypass around the City of Allegan	MDOT, ACRC, the City of Allegan, and Allegan Township will determine the long-term feasibility of a bypass or other solutions to traffic in the City. Resubmitting CMAQ grant application related to "road diet" in Allegan.
5.	Economic growth can lead to additional traffic and congestion.	Ensure effects of economic growth are addressed through proper planning.	MDOT and ACRC will work with the area's economic developers and businesses to anticipate the needs of business. Seek MDOT Economic Development Grants when appropriate. Determine influence of Regional Prosperity Initiative.
6.	Partial Interchange at US-131 & 106th Avenue limits usefulness of interchange.	Develop complete interchange.	Determine interest of impacted communities and feasibility of improving interchange. Determine frequency of traffic turning around on US-131. MDOT is monitoring congestion on US-131 and an interstate access justification report is needed to progress.

Short-Term Issues, Goals, and Actions (Within Next Five Years)

#	Issue	Goal	Actions
1.	Traffic conflicts near Allegan Middle & High Schools include pedestrian issues (lack of adequate sidewalks and designated crossing areas) access management issues, and education issues (students, teachers, parents).	Improve flow of traffic and overall safety for vehicle traffic and pedestrians around Allegan High School and Middle School.	MDOT, ACRC, the City of Allegan, the Middle School, and the High School will work to improve access management techniques, street markings/signage, education, and other improvements. Continue working with City, Schools, and MDOT on Safe Routes 2 School Program. The City, Township, and MDOT have evaluate sidewalks on the north side of M-40/M-89.
2.	Left turns and pedestrian access often difficult at busy traffic times at the Allegan M-40/M-89/M-222 signals	Improve traffic flows at three intersections in Allegan: Cedar-Monroe, Cedar Cutler, Cedar Jenner	No plans for Cedar and Jenner. Improvements to Cedar-Cutler completed in 2014.
3.	Speed of traffic in Allegan is often excessive	Promote the smooth and safe flow of traffic through the City of Allegan	Study and implement changing M-40/M-89 from former Elks Club to M-40 South in Allegan from a four lane roadway to a roadway with two travel lanes, a center left turn lane, and two bicycle lanes ("Road Diet"). Developing a Vision Area along Riverfront.
4.	There are several schools along M-40/M-89	Ensure access to and from schools is safe.	Promote "Safe Routes 2 School" program to all area schools. MDOT worked with Allegan's Hillside Neighborhood. Initiating a new Committee at Allegan Middle School (met March 2013). Identify ways to safely cross corridor from schools to/from residential areas.
5.	Pathway in Allegan City and Allegan Township from Church to McDonalds is deteriorated.	Strive to maintain pathways to encourage use by pedestrians and others.	Allegan City will work with Allegan Township and MDOT to determine appropriated funding options for necessary improvements, as included in M-89 Joint Corridor Study. Responsibility for maintenance will also be determined/established.
6.	Area around interchange of M-40 and I-196 has many congestion issues and potential safety issues.	Promote the smooth and safe flow of traffic around the M-40/I-196 Interchange	The M-40/M-89 Corridor Committee will support the implementation of the "Preferred Alternative Recommendations" identified in the M-40 Operational/Safety Analysis (Ten Action Items attached). <u>Improvements scheduled for 2016.</u>
7.	(Focus on one of ten actions from #6 above) Area around interchange of M-40 and I-196 has many congestion issues and potential safety issues.	Promote the smooth and safe flow of traffic around the M-40/I-196 Interchange	Along M-40 between the I-196 bridge structure and the I-196 eastbound ramps, widen the pavement to facilitate two southbound M-40 through lanes and a southbound right turn pocket and construct a new loop ramp for the southbound M-40 to eastbound movement. <u>Improvements scheduled for 2016.</u>
8.	Residents have identified issues with access to Corridor north of Allegan between Monroe Road and the Kalamazoo River crossing.	Ensure safe access to and from neighborhoods north of Allegan.	ACRC, Allegan Township, and MDOT will evaluate intersections in area and the potential for extending the center turn lane north to the Kalamazoo River. MDOT installed intersection warning signs for River Ridge Drive.
9.	Non-motorized facilities are becoming a more important part of a complete transportation system (see short-term issues 1 & 5)	Improve non-motorized facilities. Include 8' shoulders on all new construction. Improve pedestrian facilities in developed areas – such as sidewalks and crosswalks.	MDOT and ACRC will include opportunities for non-motorized facilities in planning and development. Currently part of MDOT's Project Development process. Communities should develop non-motorized plans and include specific projects. The City of Allegan will incorporate Complete Streets program into Master Plan. The Joint M-89 Corridor Plan will be used to guide improvements.
10.	The intersection of 48th and M-40 is an angle not compatible with M-40 for cross-traffic.	Realign the intersection at 48th and M-40.	ACRC and MDOT will work together to redesign and fund improvements to 48th and M-40.
11.	One-way traffic on Trowbridge and Hubbard streets in the City of Allegan create traffic issues.	Convert Trowbridge and Hubbard streets to two-way traffic pattern with proper intersection alignment.	The City of Allegan will work with MDOT to design and construct a set of two-way streets that improve traffic flow along the corridor through the City of Allegan.

Items Removed due to completion or other reasons

1.	Left turns difficult at 111 th and M-89, but currently there is inadequate pavement to improve through striping changes.	Improve intersection.	MDOT has plans to improve intersection in 2011. Action is progressing, project to be let in February 2011.
2.	Lack of designated acceleration/deceleration lanes near Tulip City Truck Stop impede traffic.	Provide appropriate lanes in area to promote smooth flow of traffic.	ACRC, MACC, and MDOT will coordinate a traffic study of the area and develop list of appropriate implementation actions.
3.	The cost of asphalt and other transportation-related costs limit the amount of work that can be performed.	Determine the feasibility of sharing services/contracting between ACRC, cities, villages, schools, and others.	ACRC and interested cities, villages, and school districts will contact the Michigan Municipal League Foundation and Michigan's Shared Services Initiative to assist in determining if money can be saved by combining road maintenance efforts.
4.	Pedestrians have a difficult time crossing US-131 on M-89 between Otsego and Plainwell.	Provide improved non-motorized facilities on M-89 at the US-131 interchange/bridge.	MDOT will include opportunities for non-motorized facilities in planning and development. Design will occur, but funding for improvements is uncertain. Accomplished in 2012. Inquire about impact of Burger King across street from High School.
5.	It is often difficult to determine the effects of improvements to a corridor related to safety.	Perform a Road Safety Audit (RSA) in April 2009	Evaluate and review with Safe Routes To School Program and add action items in January meeting of Corridor. Implement action plan established by SR2S program. Improve sidewalks on Water Tower Hill in 2012. Follow development of Allegan City/Township Corridor study/Complete Streets. Evaluate Bridge Road into Allegan (4 lane to 3 lane)
6.	The construction of M-6 has not completely solved the issue of trucks on the corridor	Market M-6 to trucking companies to promote time savings and to decrease commercial traffic along M-40/M-89	Performed O & D study in 2011, need to market M-6 to trucking companies. Presented 7-31-2012
7.	Commercial Vehicles on M-40/M-89	Determine the long-term effects of M-6 on commercial traffic along the M-40/M-89 Corridor	MDOT and ACRC will look at the commercial traffic count trends to determine the effects of M-6. Work with J. Latham on O & D study. Present findings to M40/M89 Committee.
8.	Lack of knowledge of other bypasses	Contact a community with a bypass	Meet with Manager of Constantine to hear about process the Village experienced.
9.	Intersection of M-40 and 141st Avenue has several challenges.	Reconfigure intersection to address challenges.	Project is scheduled for construction in 2013. Project will be let by the end of 2012.
10.	Left turns and pedestrian access often difficult at busy traffic times at the Allegan M-40/M-89/M-222 signals	Improve traffic flows at three intersections in Allegan: Cedar-Monroe, Cedar-Cutler, Cedar-Jenner	Traffic signals and cabinets will be updated at Cedar & Cutler, and Cedar & Monroe in 2012/13 Construction Summer 2013.
11.	Pathway in Allegan City and Allegan Township from Church to McDonalds is deteriorated	Strive to maintain pathways to encourage use by pedestrians and others	Working on joint sign ord.
12.	Traffic at M-40 and 136 th Avenue near school.	Determine if the flashing beacon installed 1-09 helps traffic conditions.	Perform study after installation of beacon to compare with traffic prior to installation -- study to occur in Spring 2011. Crash data indicates improvements addressed problem. No further actions warranted.
13.	Vehicles lack the ability to pass slower moving vehicles between Otsego and Allegan	Determine the feasibility of a passing relief lane or additional travel lane(s) between Otsego and Allegan	The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) will investigate the feasibility of adding passing relieve lanes.
14.	Lack of designated accel and decel lanes near Tulip City Truck Stop impede traffic.	Provide appropriate lanes in area to promote smooth flow of traffic.	Improvements to area are scheduled for 2016.
15.	Traffic Signal at North Street in Otsego is seen as unnecessary.	Ensure all corridor signals are performing intended functions.	MDOT will not take any actions until it is determined if the new college will locate in the area.

Preferred Alternative Recommendations (M-40 Operational/Safety Analysis)

1. At the I-196 westbound ramps/M-40 interchange, re-stripe the southbound M-40 exclusive right-turn lane to a shared through/right-turn lane
2. Along M-40 between the I-196 westbound ramps and the I-196 bridge structure, widen the pavement to facilitate two southbound M-40 travel lanes with the existing northbound M-40 through lane and northbound left-turn pocket (left-turn pocket length reduced to approximately 200-feet of storage)
3. On the M-40 bridge structure over I-196, re-stripe laneage to two southbound lanes and one northbound lane (existing bridge structure maintained)
4. Along M-40 between the I-196 bridge structure and the I-196 eastbound ramps, widen the pavement to facilitate two southbound M-40 through lanes and a southbound right turn pocket and construct a new loop ramp for the southbound M-40 to eastbound movement
5. The second southbound M-40 travel lane would be carried past the interchange and merged downstream north of Interchange Drive
6. Revise signal timing at Waverly Road/M-40 (PM only)
7. On the Cabill Drive approach, stripe an exclusive right-turn lane and an exclusive left turn lane with stop bars
8. With the previously mentioned laneage improvements on Cabill Drive, it is also recommended that the driveway radius in the southeast corner of the M-40/Cabill Drive intersection be improved with the appropriate mountable curb and truck apron to continue to accommodate full-size interstate tractor trailers (WB-65) that wish to enter the site from northbound M-40 and not encroach into the Cabill Drive exiting lanes
9. On the 64th Street approach, construct a left-turn pocket
10. Along M-40 between Waverly Road/Industrial Drive and Interchange Drive, change the posted speed limit from 55 miles-per-hour to 50 miles-per-hour to reflect the 85thpercentile speeds in this section