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City of Middletown, CT

Economic Development Committee

Parking Study Parking Authority Sub Committee

Draft Minutes from the March 6, 2008 meeting

Members Present: J. Alexander, V. Amato, L. Baldoni, D. Bauer H. Kasper

Also Present: R. Kearney

A Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

B Public Session: none

C Minutes: none

D Communications: none

E Old Business: General discussion of the Parking Authority. Amato noted the City Attorney's opinion that a Parking Authority would have to include all the requirements in the State of Connecticut Statute including eminent domain which is not acceptable to the city. Bauer cautioned that accountability and corruption are difficult problems in Parking Authorities. Baldoni noted the need to address financial procedures.

Alexander presented the Proposal to Create a Parking Department. The department would be managed by a certified parking professional. Kasper stated ordinances would be needed to take parking out of the Police Department and create a Parking Department and a special revenue account. General discussion of contract employment issues ensued. Alexander stated the idea of hiring the parking manager under a contract was to hold the manager accountable. General discussion ensued regarding issues of moving employees to a new department.

Baldoni stated Planning needs to incorporate police comments into development projects to address parking issues in the planning stage.

Kasper made a motion seconded by Baldoni to approve the Proposal to Create a Parking Department with revisions. Alexander will send a revised copy of the Proposal to the committee members. The committee voted unanimously to approve the motion. Bauer was not present for the vote.

F New Business

G Other

H Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.