

DETROIT CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

PROPOSAL/ISSUE REVIEW SUMMARY

ISSUE NUMBER: GDS 14

ISSUE CATEGORY: Government Department & Services

SOURCE: City Council

RELATED CHARTER SECTIONS: §6-206 (Executive Planning Council)

Letter dated December 2, 2010

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTION:

RELEVANT LAW(S):

ISSUE/PROPOSAL STATEMENT:

Add the City Planning Commission Director as a member of the Executive Planning Council.

Sec. 6-206. Executive planning council.

The executive planning council is composed of:

1. The planning director;
2. The director of each department of the executive branch (or a person from the department designated by the director) with responsibility in the following areas:
 - A. Housing.
 - B. Commercial or industrial development.
 - C. Transportation.
 - D. Recreation and parks.
 - E. Environmental protection.
 - F. Human resources development or public health.
 - G. Capital agenda and capital budget.
 - H. Enforcement of codes.
3. The city planning commission director;
4. Other persons whom the mayor may appoint including, where possible, the persons responsible for the development activities of other governmental and private organizations operating in the city.

RATIONALE: The sole purpose of the additional language is to add the city planning commission to the executive planning council.”-*City Council’s Rationale, Letter, dated December 13, 2010.*

“Since the City Planning Commission serves as the city’s zoning commission, it brings an over-arching appreciation of land use regulation—zoning controls, master plan policies, and urban renewal and overlay area limitations. As part of the executive planning council, the CPC can help identify likely obstacles early on in the development process.”-*Supplemental Rationale from Marcell Todd, Director, Planning Department, Email dated December 13, 2010.*

ANALYSIS:

DISPOSITION/COMMISSION ACTION:

NOTES: See Historical Charter Analysis entitled “Historical Charter Analysis of City Planning – City Planning Commission; City Planning Department,” dated July 22, 2010 and “Historical Charter Analysis of Planning Procedure (Master Plan),” dated July 28, 2010.