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THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
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FROM: Anthony VanDerworp, Director
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DATE: May 2, 2007

SUBJECT: City of Chelsea Master Plan Update

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners consider the attached resolution to accept comments from Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment staff on the City of Chelsea master plan update and direct the County Clerk to send comments to the City of Chelsea and the contiguous local units of government.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Chelsea submitted a Master Plan Update on March 21, 2007, for comment by Washtenaw County, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Municipal Planning Act, Public Act 285 of 1931 as amended. The Act requires the County to provide comments, which are advisory only, to the City. The comments must include, but need not be limited to, both of the following as applicable:

- A statement whether the county, after considering any comments received from adjacent local units of government, considers the proposed plan to be inconsistent with the plan of contiguous community (city, village, township or region), and
- A statement whether the county considers the plan to be inconsistent with the county plan.

DISCUSSION:

Department of Planning and Environment staff evaluated the proposed amendment according to the goals, objectives and recommendations of *A Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County*. The Department of Planning and

Environment distributed the amendment to the Washtenaw County Departments of Public Works, Parks and Recreation, Public Health, Washtenaw County Road Commission, Office of the Drain Commissioner and the Washtenaw Area Transportation Study (WATS) for comment. Comments received from these departments and agencies are included in the attached staff report.

The Update was reviewed by the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board. In the interests of following the 63 day comment period as stipulated in the Municipal Planning Act (Act 285 of 1931 as amended) the Update was forwarded to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners as a County staff report for review. After acceptance of the report by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, the report will be submitted to the City and the contiguous communities.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Staff Report

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT COMMENTS FROM WASHTENAW COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT STAFF ON THE CITY OF CHELSEA MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND DIRECT THE COUNTY CLERK TO SEND COMMENTS TO THE CITY OF CHELSEA AND THE CONTIGUOUS LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

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WHEREAS, Public Act 285 requires that the County submit comments on the proposed Master Plan update to the City of Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 285 requires that the comments include, but not be limited to, a statement whether the proposed revisions are considered to be inconsistent with the plan of any contiguous city, village, township or region, after considering comments from contiguous communities, and a statement whether the proposed plan is considered to be inconsistent with the county plan; and

WHEREAS the County Board of Commissioners created the Planning Advisory Board to review plans and recommend adoption by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS City of Chelsea submitted Master Plan update; and

WHEREAS the revisions were reviewed for consistency with the goals, objectives and recommendations of *A Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County*; and

WHEREAS the Updates were reviewed by the Washtenaw County Planning Advisory Board at the April 23, 2007 meeting;

WHEREAS in the interests of following the 63 day comment period as stipulated in the Municipal Planning Act (Act 285 of 1931 as amended) the Update was forwarded to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners as a County staff report for review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts the staff report from the Washtenaw County Department of Planning and Environment on the City of Chelsea Master Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send the comments to City of Chelsea and the contiguous local units of government.