

JANUARY 25, 2007

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO.1

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 24D-17 (2006)
DPW: Interim Remedial Action on Hopkins Road
(4-0)

2. INTRO 25-3 (2006) **AS AMENDED**
MARINELLI, WHYTE, KENNEDY, KONST, REYNOLDS & MILLS
WHEREAS, the General Motors engine plant in the Town of Tonawanda has been an important part of our regional economy for over 70 years and has produced a variety of innovative automobile and airplane engines; and

WHEREAS, the Tonawanda Engine Plant is competing for a \$300 million investment to modernize its facilities as part of an ongoing effort to keep the facility competitive in the regional and global economy; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue to be competitive General Motors is seeking a modification of the existing Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) arrangement dated April, 2002 which provides for a real property tax abatement through the Erie County Industrial Development Agency (ECIDA); and

WHEREAS, if the modification of the property tax abatement is not awarded, the investment in capital improvements may not be made and a significant number of high paying jobs may be lost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports high road economic development strategies which preserves and creates high paying jobs in Erie County and the region as a whole; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports General Motors' request for a modification of the PILOT and encourages the ECIDA to grant this request; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Erie County Legislature send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Erie County Industrial Development Agency and to the General Motors Corporation, GM Powertrain Group.

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3. COMM. 2E-14 (2007)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Erie County, through the Department of Environment and Planning, serves as the administrative agent for the Erie County/Town of West Seneca Community Development Block Grant Consortium and Erie County/Town of West Seneca/Town of Hamburg HOME Investment Partnership Consortium; and

WHEREAS, a major responsibility of the Department as the administrative agent, is the submittal to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development annual grant and program application materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, on behalf of the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Consortium and Town of Hamburg/Erie County HOME Consortium, is hereby authorized to submit a 2007 Annual Action Plan to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) having 2007 Action Plan dollar estimated amounts as indicated.

1. Erie County Consortium Community Development Block Grant Program:	\$3,251,630
2. Emergency Shelter Grant Program:	\$ 124,048
3. HOME Investment Partnership Program:	\$1,144,739
4. Town of Hamburg Community Development Block Grant Program:	\$ 450,000

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive on behalf of the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Consortium and Town of Hamburg/Erie County HOME Consortium is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements with HUD, local governments, and non-profit agencies, necessary to implement the above programs with the exception that any proposed agreement that transfers all or a portion of the administrative functions of the grant from Erie County to a sub-recipient or contractual agency shall require approval from the Erie County Community Development Block Grant Consortium and the Erie County Legislature; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive; the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; the County Attorney; and the Director of the Division of Budget, Management, and Finance.

(4-0)

TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY
CHAIRMAN