

**SERVICE COMMENDATION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST
GLENN LAPIN**

WHEREAS, Glenn Lapin began his career with the City of Troy on November 3, 2011 as the Economic Development Specialist. **Glenn** graduated from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology and Political Science, and a Master of Urban Planning Degree; and

WHEREAS, Prior to coming to the City of Troy, **Glenn** was the Director of Planning & Development for Detroit Renaissance from 1981-2009, including leading site management activities for the Detroit Grand Prix. During his stellar career he directed urban revitalization and economic development initiatives for the nonprofit business leadership organization dedicated to accelerating economic growth in Detroit and the region. After that **Glenn** was the Interim Director of Workforce Development at Henry Ford Community College; and

WHEREAS, As the City of Troy's Economic Development Specialist, **Glenn** developed, implemented and managed economic development programs for the City of Troy. He led business attraction and retention initiatives including the successful attraction of global companies like Aptiv and Flex-N-Gate to Troy; and

WHEREAS, Glenn managed Troy's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority leading to the transformation of blighted properties into vibrant community assets including the MJR Theaters, Uptown Square Apartments and Somerset Shoppes. **Glenn** also managed Troy's Local Development Finance Authority including the extension of the Automation Alley SmartZone. He coordinated Downtown Development Authority programs including adoption of the Quality Development Initiative to encourage mixed-use, higher density development along the Big Beaver corridor; and

WHEREAS, During **Glenn's** career with the City of Troy he instituted the Troy Business Connect e-newsletter to keep Troy's business community informed on local business matters; engaged in community partnerships to bring valuable business resources to Troy including PACE Energy Program, Tech248, Economic Gardening, and Restaurant Relief Program; and established strong, effective relationships throughout the state and region to encourage local economic development; and

WHEREAS, Glenn is a member of the American Planning Association and Michigan Economic Developers Association. He has also served on numerous Boards including the Nonprofit Finance Fund Midwest Region Advisory Board, Detroit University Cultural Center Association Board, Detroit Investment Fund Predevelopment Loan Fund Advisory Committee, Detroit Mayor's Office Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization Board, and SEMCOG Community and Economic Development Advisory Council. Glenn served on both the Huntington Woods Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission as Chair; and

WHEREAS, Glenn will retire from the City of Troy on March 31, 2022 after 10 years of dedicated service, many commendation letters in his employee file, and the utmost respect from the Troy employees, City Council, the Troy business community, and residents. **Glenn** will now enjoy spending more time with his wife **Natalie** (married 38 years on April 8, 2022) and family members including daughter **Michelle** and son **Andrew**, as well as enjoying traveling around the country and beyond, biking, hiking, and tackling home improvement projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy take this opportunity to express their appreciation to **City of Troy Economic Development Specialist Glenn Lapin** for his professionalism and his many contributions to the City of Troy for the betterment of the community; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy, City Management, and the citizens of the City of Troy, extends wishes of prosperity, good health and happiness to **Glenn** during his well-deserved retirement years.

Presented the 28th day of February 2022.