

CITY OF MUSKEGON

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION **MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS @ 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The Special Commission Meeting of the City of Muskegon was held at City Hall, 933 Terrace Street, Muskegon, Michigan at 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 24, 2007.

ROLL CALL FOR THE SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING:

Present: Mayor Stephen Warmington, Vice Mayor Stephen Gawron, Commissioners Sue Wierengo, Chris Carter, Clara Shepherd, and Lawrence Spataro, City Manager Bryon Mazade, and City Clerk Ann Marie Becker.

2007-81 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Interview of Ward 4 City Commissioner Candidates

The following candidates submitted a letter of interest to fill the unexpired term of the Ward 4 City Commission seat:

Steven T. Wisneski

Stephen Holdeman

Ian Davis

Motion by Commissioner Spataro, second by Vice Mayor Gawron to nominate Steven T. Wisneski to fill the Ward 4 Commission seat.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Carter, Gawron, Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, and Wierengo

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

B. 2008 PROPOSED BUDGET

The City Commission discussed the proposed 2008 Budget. The budget will be considered at its September 25, 2007 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Commission Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ann Marie Becker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "M".

Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk

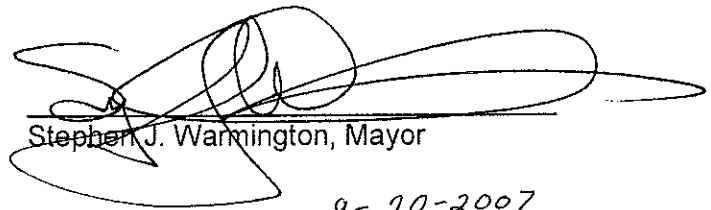
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NOTICE

CITY OF MUSKEGON
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING

A "Special" City Commission Meeting is being scheduled for Monday, September 24th, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., at Muskegon City Hall (933 Terrace Street), City Commission Chambers to conduct the following business:

AGENDA

1. Conduct interviews for Ward IV vacant seat and possible appointment.
2. 2008 Proposed Budget.



Stephen J. Warrington, Mayor

9-20-2007

cc: City Manager
City Commissioners
Chronicle
Post

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THE CITY COMMISSION AND ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES OR
SUBCOMMITTEES**

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Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk
933 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI 49440
(231) 724-6705 or TDD (231) 724-6773

INTERVIEW SCHEDULE
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
September 24, 2007

6:00 P.M. Steve Wisneski

6:30 P.M. Stephen Holdeman (Mr. Holdeman may be unable to attend due to an eye surgery scheduled the same day. He will speak to his physician and see how he is feeling.)

7:00 P.M. Ian Davis

From the Desk of:
Steven T. Wisneski
2321 Wickham Drive
Muskegon, MI 49441
(231) 759-8604

September 12, 2007

Ms. Ann Marie Becker
City Clerk
City of Muskegon
PO Box 536
Muskegon, MI 49443-0536

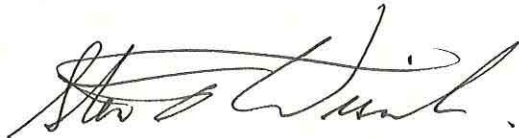
Dear Ms. Becker,

Please consider this letter as my formal request for consideration for appointment to fill the vacant position of Ward 4 City Commissioner.

I am enclosing a brief biography which details some of my experience and background. I will be happy to provide further information upon request.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Wisneski



2321 Wickham Drive
Muskegon, MI 49441

Home (231) 759-8604
Office (231) 726-2600
Cell (231) 578-3920

steven.wisneski@yahoo.com

Candidate for Muskegon City Commission

4th Ward, Precincts: Glenside, Lakeside, Bluffton, Pere Marquette



Steven T. Wisneski

2321 Wickham Drive
Muskegon, MI 49441
759-8604

Community Service:

Current: Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce, Board Secretary
Muskegon Chamber Government Affairs Committee, Co-Chair
Michigan Pine and Dunes Girl Scout Council, Treasurer
Leadership West Michigan, Executive Committee
Muskegon Main Street, Board of Directors
Boy Scouts of America, Friends of Scouting Committee
Hume Home of Muskegon Board of Trustees, Past President
Muskegon Rotary Club
Baker College Employment Advisory Committee

Past: Nelson Neighborhood Association, Vice President
Boy Scouts of America, District Finance Chair
Troop 1, BSA, Bluffton School, Assistant Troop Leader
Child Abuse Council of Muskegon, Personnel Committee
City of Muskegon, various committee assignments

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Employment:

- 1999 - Current ***Owner of Creative Benefit Systems, Inc.,***
An employee benefits consulting company, founded in 1980, with
offices in East Grand Rapids and Downtown Muskegon.
4 Partners, 7 employees.
- 1987 – 1999 ***Human Resources Management:***
Bennett Pump of Muskegon
Worden Furniture of Holland
National Heritage Academies of Grand Rapids,
- 1976 – 1985 ***A. Krauthelm Jewelers***, Downtown Muskegon

Education:

- 1976 Graduate of Muskegon Senior High School
1978 Graduate of Muskegon Business College
Associates Degree, Business and Computer Science
1987 Graduate of Grand Valley State University
Bachelors Degree, Business Administration
2000 Graduate of Leadership Muskegon
2002 Graduate of Leadership West Michigan

Professional Affiliations:

West Michigan Association of Health Underwriters, President
Michigan Association of Health Underwriters, Board of Trustees
National Association of Health Underwriters, National Delegate
The Employers Association of West Michigan
Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce

Miscellaneous:

Eagle Scout,
Two teenage daughters,
Recipient of Optimists International Respect for the Law Award,
Backpacker and Environmentalist
Member of Harley Owners Group,

Stephen E. Holdeman
2011 Letart Ave.
Muskegon, Mi. 49441
231-755-6155



9/17/07

City Clerk
City of Muskegon
Michigan, Mi. 49443

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

Subject: Application to fill the Muskegon City Commission seat of the late Kevin Davis.

I wish to be considered to serve the balance of Mr. Davis' term.

I am a former City Commissioner having served from 1986 through 1989, including two years as Vice Mayor and a short time as acting Mayor. During my term we lost two Mayors, several commissioners and the city manager. We also hired Byron Mazade as the new City manager. It was an extraordinary time and many difficult decisions were made. I am a retired businessman, a WWII vet, and a nearly life long resident of Lakeside.

I would be honored to serve the balance of Mr. Davis' term.
I would not run for another term. My appointment would leave the playing field open for candidates to run as write-ins.
Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly your,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S.E. Holdeman".

Stephen E. Holdeman

Muskegon City Commission
City Hall
933 Terrace
Muskegon, MI 49440

Dear Mayor Warmington and the Muskegon City Commission,

I am writing to express my interest in filling the position of Ward 4 City Commissioner that was left vacant due to the untimely death of my father, Kevin Davis. I feel that I am obligated not only morally, but as a citizen of Muskegon and of Ward 4 to apply for this position.

Throughout the past four years, I have worked side by side with my father when discussing issues that concern the city. He always relied on my opinions, not only because I am a political science scholar, but because he knew that I care about our community as much as he did. We would chat on the phone on a weekly basis, and until his death, I was heading up his reelection campaign. We all know how diligent he was in expressing his love of our community, and I can only hope that I demonstrate half the heart he did.

In considering me for the position, there may be some apprehension due to my age, but I believe that my age is to my advantage. My concerns for the city and for Ward 4 go much deeper than what is best for the city now. I would like to concentrate on how the decisions of today will affect our community in the future. Aside from the fact that I will be an active member of this community for many years to come, my presence may compel the youth of our city to begin participating in local government. Too few of our city's young adults realize that they are indeed adults and can have a voice in our community.

I am applying for this position because I feel it necessary to continue pursuing the goals that my father and I shared. This position would be much more than a job, it would be a message. Life continues, and the spirit of those who were passionate about what they pursued shall be carried into the future.

With Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ian Kelly Davis', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Ian Kelly Davis

Ian Kelly Davis

3290 Wilcox Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49441

(231)578-4402

iankellydavis@gmail.com

Objective	To obtain the position of City Commissioner of Ward 4	
Profile	• Six years experience at high-end private marina in customer service and reception • Excellent verbal and written communication skills • Strong loyalty to the company and customers • Self motivated and strong team player	
Employment		
	Harbour Towne Marina, Muskegon, MI	05/01-Present
	Marina Attendant	
	▪ Specialized in customer service in a private high-end setting ▪ Handled transient reservations and attended to the needs of guests and slip owners ▪ Operated and supervised the service station which included fueling and servicing of yachts ▪ Participated in general marina maintenance and upkeep	
	Flossie's Café, Kalamazoo, MI	01/06-06/07
	Customer Service	
	▪ Serviced customers in a high volume setting ▪ Maintained and stocked goods provided	
	Muskegon Yacht Club, Muskegon, MI	05/97-05/01
	Food Service/ Yard and Dock Attendant	
	▪ Prepared and served food in a high-end/high volume setting ▪ Maintained and serviced yard and docks	
Education		
	Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI	
	• B.A. in English/Political Science	Summer 2007
	Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo, MI	
	• Associate Degree in Liberal Arts	Spring 2005

21 September 2007

Mayor Warmington
Muskegon City Commission

We are writing to ask That you consider appointing Kevin Davis' son, Ian Davis, to fill The vacancy on The city commission. We believe There is some precedent for The appointment of a family member in a situation of This kind.

We believe Ian Davis would provide our Ward 4 district with The same strong voice on issues That we so appreciated from Kevin Davis.

We Further believe That The appointment of an unelected candidate like Steve Wisneski should not be considered. Many would see That appointment as an endorsement of This candidate.

Please share our views with The rest of The commission. Our support of Ian Davis is very strong.

John S. and Marcia L Lipps
3508 Wilcox Ave
Muskegon MI 49441

c.c. B Mazade

Two individuals have contacted me and indicated they have an interest in filling the unexpired term of Commissioner Davis. They are as follows:

Ian Davis

Steve Wisneski

John Page
1853 Cherry Street
Muskegon, Michigan 49441
Home: (231) 759-2316
Cell: (231) 670-7943
Lugeman7@Verizon.net

September 9, 2007

Muskegon City Commission
933 Terrace Street
Muskegon, Michigan 49440

Dear Muskegon City Commissioners,

Please accept this as my letter of intent to run as a write-in candidate for the seat of Ward Four Muskegon City Commissioner vacated by the late Kevin Davis.

I am also available for appointment by the Commission to serve out the remainder of Mr. Davis' term if needed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Page".

John Page

PROPOSED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL WARD I VACANCY ON THE CITY COMMISSION

1. What experience have you had or what activities have you been involved in that has prepared you to be a City Commissioner? Give examples from your professional or personal life, your involvement in the neighborhood (i.e., years in Ward IV and membership in Neighborhood Association), your involvement with City Board/Committees, attendance at City Commission meetings or otherwise.
 - a) Briefly give an overview of you education background.
2. Describe the role and qualities of an effective City Commissioner.
 - a) What qualities do you possess that make you best suited for this appointment.
3. What is your vision for the City of Muskegon?
 - a) Your vision for Ward IV?
4. What, in your opinion, are the three most important issues facing the City of Muskegon?
5. What are your suggestions for improving downtown?
6. What ideas do you have to encourage neighborhood revitalization including addressing the following:
 - a) Blighting influences (deteriorated houses, junk cars, trash, etc.).
 - b) Re-use of vacant city lots.
 - c) Use of City ordinances to reduce crime, loitering, etc.).
7. How would you address differences of opinion with other Commissioners, staff, and citizens?
8. What steps should the City take to improve race relations within the Greater Muskegon community: