

CITY OF MUSKEGON
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION

Monday, November 8, 2021
5:30 p.m.
City Commission Chambers
933 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI 49440

MINUTES

2021-99

Present: Mayor Gawron, Vice Mayor Hood, Commissioners Rinsema-Sybenga, Emory, Johnson, and German

Absent: Commissioner Ramsey

Solid Waste Ordinance Amendment

Staff is seeking approval of an amendment to Chapter 70, Article II of the Code of Ordinance in coordination with the revised Sanitation Policy.

The newly adopted Sanitation Policy includes revised times when refuse collection carts can be placed at the curb and restricts where the carts can be stored. Staff is seeking a change to the Solid Waste Ordinance to match the new standards. A summary of requirements for storage of refuse collection carts in neighboring cities is included for reference. Staff will continue to seek compliance through issuance of warnings when the ordinance is not followed and will assist neighbors who have individual hardships related to this ordinance.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment to the Solid Waste Ordinance and this item will be considered at the regular meeting scheduled for November 9, 2021.

Utility Connection Fee Proposal

Staff is seeking input on a new policy to standardize utility connection fee waivers for developments within the city.

At the request of the City Manager, the Tax Incentive Committee has continued to review and make recommendations for standardizing our tax incentive policies in the City of Muskegon. Our most recent effort is specifically dedicated to utility connection fees. As with the previous revisions shared with the commission, the document outlines a more standardized method for determining fee waivers where lower fees are charged to developments that meet more of the city's goals. Also, in line with the previous revision, the proposal is for these developments to be reviewed by the tax incentive committee with a recommendation provided to the City Commission.

Discussion took place.

Inclusive Zoning

Staff is requesting further consideration and direction on expansion of inclusive zoning to the Angell, Jackson Hill, McLaughlin, and Nims neighborhoods.

Staff was given direction to offer more education to our neighbors on this topic. In response, staff has done the following:

- Developed and recorded a presentation
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHLVQS6IF24>
- Shared the presentation on the city's website, on social media, and with the affected neighborhood associations (The original Facebook post has been shared 28 times, and the website has been accessed 237 times.)
- Held a public meeting for neighbors in four affected neighborhoods on October 18
- Provided an email address and phone number for comments
- Heard comments and deliberation at the October Planning Commission meeting
- Heard comments during a public hearing at the October 26 City Commission meeting

A summary of the comments received has been shared with commissioners, and staff now seeks guidance on how to proceed with a recommendation for expanding the Urban Residential zoning.

Discussion took place.

Public Comment: Public comments were received.

Adjournment: The Worksession meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC – City Clerk