

CITY OF MUSKEGON
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION

Monday, October 8, 2018

5:30 p.m.

City Commission Chambers

Minutes

2018-73

Present: Commissioners Gawron, Turnquist, Rinsema-Sybenga, Warren, Hood (left 9:20 pm), and Johnson.

Absent: Commissioner German.

Downtown Muskegon Now Presentation

Dave Alexander gave an overview of Downtown Muskegon Now, its responsibilities and its goals for the future. The focus of the board is promoting downtown Muskegon as a place to live, connect downtown Muskegon to the waterfront, and produce a comprehensive marketing plan to determine DMN's target markets and message.

Downtown Muskegon Now Board of Directors wants to explore with the Muskegon City Manager, Mayor, and City Commission the potential of consolidating downtown management.

Cindy Larsen, 300 Monroe, Muskegon, MI and from the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce, indicated there are 1,000 job openings in Muskegon. She gave tours to thousands of tourists this year who expressed their excitement about Muskegon and all that it has to offer. We need to continue moving forward so we may attract people to fill these jobs.

SEIU Collective Bargaining Agreement – Clerical Division

Steps 1 through 5 were removed for pay increases. It is proposed that wages begin at \$15.60 and top out at \$20.26. They will be eligible for the residency bonus. Vacation time was adjusted.

This item will be considered at the Commission's October 9, 2018 meeting.

First Amendment for Municipal Water Supply

City staff is recommending changes to the Municipal Water Supply agreement. This agreement impacts all of the city's non-resident customers, with the exception of Fruitport and Norton Shores. The amendment will temporarily reduce the multiplier in which the rate is calculated from 1.50 to 1.46. The reduction is offset by the water rate increase enacted by City Commissioners in July 2018.

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HVAC/Dehumidification at the Arena

The current system was built in 1960. The cost to replace the system will be \$550,000. Because of the warmth outside and the temperature of the ice inside, there was fog on several practice days inside the arena. Hockey players needed to relocate their practice sessions because of the lack of visibility.

Commissioner Johnson indicated he would like to see the opening of 5th Street added to a bond proposal if applying for one is under consideration.

Downtown Attached Housing

Mike Franzak, Planning Director, gave a presentation on housing density downtown and the importance of offering different types of housing to accommodate a growing downtown. He gave an overview of the importance of urban residential zoning.

Fisherman's Landing

If the City wanted to use the site for any other purpose, the DNR has indicated that camping would need to be provided at another location.

The Worksession Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC – City Clerk