

CITY OF MUSKEGON

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS @ 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Regular Commission Meeting of the City of Muskegon was held at City Hall, 933 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Pastor Don Graham from Lakeside United Methodist Church opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Commission and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL FOR THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

Present: Mayor Stephen Gawron, Vice Mayor Lawrence Spataro, Commissioners Turnquist, Johnson, and Rinsema-Sybenga, City Manager Franklin Peterson, City Attorney John Schrier, and City Clerk Ann Meisch.

Absent: Commissioner German and Commissioner Hood

2015-63 INTRODUCTIONS/PRESENTATION:

A. Presentation of 2015 Beautification Awards

Mayor Gawron recognized residents for their participation in the Neighborhood Associations' Yard Beautification Awards program for 2015.

2015-64 CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes City Clerk

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To approve minutes of the August 25, 2015 City Commission Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the minutes.

B. Approval of the Use & Maintenance of City Owned Property at 58 E. Grand Avenue Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To approve the use and maintenance of the City owned property located at 58 E Grand Avenue for a community garden. The property is unbuildable and the City would retain the right to sell the property with the community garden members having time to remove the garden prior

to any sales.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The City would save on the cost of maintenance of this property.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To approve the resolution and maintenance agreement.

Motion by Commissioner Turnquist, second by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga to accept the Consent Agenda presented.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Johnson, Gawron, Spataro, Rinsema-Sybenga, and Turnquist.

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2015-65 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Request to Conduct a Public Hearing of the Community & Neighborhood Services Department Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER 2014) Community & Neighborhood Services

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To conduct a public hearing of the 2014-2015 CAPER projects funded through CDBG and HOME allocations to the City of Muskegon Community and Neighborhood Services Department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To submit the 2014-2015 CAPER, including any public comments received during the 30 day comment period ending September 22, 2015.

Motion by Vice Mayor Spataro, second by Commissioner Johnson, to close the public hearing and submit the 2014-2015 CAPER, including any public comments received during the 30 day comment period ending September 22, 2015.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Gawron, Spataro, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, and Johnson

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2015-66 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Presentation by General Capital Group Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: General Capital Group will be making a presentation on the site that they are considering for their new mixed use development project. They will be requesting a PILOT for the project in the near future.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None

B. West Michigan Lake Hawks City Manager

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To authorize staff to support the West Michigan Lake Hawks as follows:

- Purchasing 50 tickets to each of the eight home games to be played at Muskegon High School and to provide those tickets to youth-related community organizations.
- The video broadcasting of all 8 games hosted at Muskegon High School
- Advertising the Watch Muskegon campaign on game uniforms, practice uniforms, and warmups.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Not to exceed \$7,100

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To authorize city staff to participate in the Lakehawks 2015-2016 season as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, to authorize city staff to participate in the Lakehawks 2015-16 season as presented.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Spataro, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, Johnson, and Gawron

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

C. LC Walker Arena City Manager

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To authorize staff to hire Tim Taylor as the Chief Executive Office of the LC Walker Arena at a salary not to exceed \$75,000 annually.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$75,000 annually

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To authorize city staff to complete the hire and negotiate a contract with Tim Taylor.

Motion by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, second by Commissioner Johnson, to authorize city staff complete the hire and negotiate a contract with Tim Taylor.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, Johnson, Gawron, and Spataro

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

ADJOURNMENT: The City Commission Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC
City Clerk