

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
August 13, 2007
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

Present: Commissioners Warmington, Davis, Gawron, Shepherd, Spataro, Wierengo, and Carter.

Absent: None.

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Precinct Boundary Modifications

State Election law allows for 2,999 registered voters in each voting precinct. Precinct 1, Marquette School, currently has 3,148 voters. It is proposed to move 349 voters from the area bound by Wesley, Broadmoor, and the river to precinct 2, Steele Junior High. This change will allow for 2,759 registered voters at Marquette School and 2,454 voters at Steele Junior High.

Precinct 9, the Fire Station, currently has 2,858 registered voters. The area is growing and the Fire Station is unable to accommodate the large line of voters. It is proposed to move 379 voters from the area bound by W. Laketon, Seaway, Young, and Barclay to precinct 8, Nelson School. This change will allow for 2,479 voters at the Fire Station and 1,257 voters at Nelson School.

The Commission stated their approval.

Higher Education Access Management – Marquette at Getty, Harvey & Quarterline

It is proposed to change the traffic flow at the intersection of Marquette and Quarterline. There are 7,000 – 11,000 cars traveling through this intersection per day. One of the suggestions is to change the intersection from a four lane street to a three lane street. Signal modifications will be needed.

A new traffic signal will be installed at Harvey & Marquette and Broadmoor & Marquette.

Sanitation Contract Process

A history of the City of Muskegon solid waste service was provided for Commissioners along with a current proposal for solid waste services from Allied Waste Services. Their contract will expire at the end of the year. A proposal has been received for a three year extension and a five year extension.

Bob Kuhn, Public Works Director, will continue negotiations.

Restrictive Covenant

Brett Kralej explained that the City of Muskegon is required by the MDEQ to treat water that is running on 1385 E. Keating. If the City obtains a restrictive covenant from 1385 E. Keating, the

City will no longer need to treat the water. Current cost to clean the water is \$25,000 per year. The cost from the property owner to get a restrictive covenant is \$9,000. With the approval of MDEQ, the City will no longer incur the annual costs.

Motion by Vice Mayor Gawron, seconded by Commissioner Carter to authorize a Restrictive Covenant at 1385 E. Keating in the amount of \$9,000.

MOTION PASSES

Sewer Back Up Claim

On April 23, 2007 a blockage in a City main caused sewage to back up into claimants partially finished basement at 1403 Jefferson. The settlement amount for damages is \$30,795.69

Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Carter to authorize the payment for damages at 1403 Jefferson in the amount of \$30,795.69.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Ayes: Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, Carter, Davis, and Gawron.
Nays: Shepherd.**

MOTION PASSES

Resignation and Appointments from Various Boards

Resignations have been received from two boards.

Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Carter to recommend the acceptance of the resignations of Rich Taylor from the Downtown Development Authority and Latesha Thomas from the Equal Opportunity Committee.

MOTION PASSES

A list of potential candidates was provided.

Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to recommend appointment of Doris Rucks to the Library Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Ayes: Carter, Davis, Gawron, Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, and Wierengo.
Nays: None.**

MOTION PASSES

Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to recommend appointment of Chip Vanderwier to the Downtown Development Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Warmington, Wierengo, Carter, Davis, Gawron, Shepherd, and Spataro.
Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to recommend appointment of Janice Knox-Foster to the Equal Opportunity Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, Carter, Davis, and Gawron.
Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk**