CITY OF MUSKEGON
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION

Monday, August 12, 2019
5:30 p.m.
City Commission Chambers

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Gawron, Vice-Mayor Hood (arrived 5:36), Commissioners Turnquist, Johnson, and German

Absent: Commissioners Rinsema-Sybenga and Warren

Disability Network of West Michigan – Brad Hastings, Presentation
Brad Hastings, Disability Network of West Michigan, presented information to the City Commission regarding a proposed cooperation agreement. DNWM will help the City and its customers to meet the minimum requirements of the Construction Coded and the ADA and continue to education and influence toward implementing new best practices that incorporate Universal Design concepts. This will be accomplished by providing training and technical assistance to City staff and its customers. This work is aimed at increasing the inclusiveness and accessibility of our built environment and realizing the ultimate vision of access for all, regardless of ability.

Lease of Yuba Street Property to the Community Foundation for Muskegon County
Lease a portion of the old farmer's market property to the Community Foundation for Muskegon County for up to 5 years with an option to purchase. The lease includes approximately 7 of the total 15.3 acre site and the majority of the buildable land. The property will be used to develop a food processing incubator and business development center targeted at stage one or two entrepreneurial companies or existing mature companies looking for an offsite location for test manufacturing of new products.

This item will appear on the City Commission's Regular meeting agenda for Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

Public Meeting Training
Approve funding for training on managing civil, productive public meetings. Beth Buelow and a co-facilitator will lead a four session training target department and division heads as well as the mayor and commissioners with the objective of preparing us to present information and manage interactions in a proactive, positive, and productive manner. Additional workshops will be offered to neighborhood associations with the objective to provide them tools to communicate and collaborate with city leaders. Training is expected to be scheduled fall of 2019.
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Lakeside Business Improvement District
Discussion of a resolution to be adopted establishing a Business Improvement District for the Lakeside Commercial District along Lakeshore Drive from 1595 Lakeshore (Wasserman's Flowers) to 2801 Lakeshore (Muskegon County Club). The boundaries are outlined in the map as the district are those commercial properties with frontage on Lakeshore Drive. It is also requested that the commission establish an initial Lakeside BID board with the following recommended individuals as offered by the Lakeside District Association:

Troy Wasserman – Wasserman's Flowers, 1595 Lakeshore
Richard Ghezzi – Ghezzi's Market, 2017 Lakeshore
Mark Flermoen – VF Ventures, 1845 Lakeshore
Michael Kordecki – Marine Tap Room, 1983 Lakeshore
Ann Funk – Auto Body Clinic, 2054 Lakeshore
Blake Evans – Water's Edge Fitness, 2465 Lakeshore
City Manager (by statute) – City of Muskegon

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Opportunity Zone Incentive Program
The City of Muskegon is fortunate to have its entire downtown corridor within an Opportunity Zone. The Economic Development Department is recommending additional localized, Commission reviewed incentives in order to encourage large scale investment in this competitive market.

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Recreational Marihuana
Discussion took place regarding license types, excise tax fund, fees, the district, temporary events, proposed essentially 3 areas within the current MMFLA district for recreational licensees.

Suburban Nation Review – Chapter 3
Discussion of Chapter 3 of the Suburban Nation focusing on housing.

Adjournment – The Worksession Meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, City Clerk