

City of Muskegon  
City Commission Worksession  
June 11, 2007  
City Commission Chambers  
5:30 PM

MINUTES

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

Absent: None.

**2007-46**

**Vehicles for Hire Ordinance – City Clerk**

The commission indicated taxicab companies need to provide proof of a background checks for all drivers.

Port City Taxicab stated they have approached the County and will work on a county-wide licensing requirement.

The City will continue to license drivers and issue a business license to taxicab companies for one year. The issue will be revisited in one year.

**Consumer Site – Chris Witham, City of North Muskegon Mayor**

Chris Witham, Mayor of North Muskegon, asked the Commission to consider developing a soccer field on the consumer site located on the causeway.

The Commission authorized Bryon Mazade to conduct meetings with the City Manager of North Muskegon to consider the issue.

**Smoke Free Beach**

**Motion by Commissioner Spataro, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, to designate the area between the bath house, breakwater, and sidewalk at Pere Marquette as a non-smoking area and designate the remainder of the beach as a smoking area; and to authorize the rental of a machine to clean the beach.**

**ROLL VOTE:**

**Ayes: Gawron, Shepherd, Spataro, Wierengo, Carter, and Davis**

**Nays: Warmington**

***MOTION PASSES***

### **Sewer Rate Adjustment - Finance**

Tim Paul, Finance Director, explained that the sewer fund has an unexpected surge in usage in the last two year. A 15% rate increase is recommended to stabilize the sewer fund. The Commission will consider the request at its commission meeting.

### **Central Fire Station Sale – City Manager**

There is a prospective buyer for the fire station. The buyer has asked for an additional 90 days to calculate construction costs. An additional 90 days will be granted but prospective proposals will be considered during the timeframe.

### **Animal Control Ordinance – Commissioner Spataro**

Karen Palmer, 914 Emerson, is requesting that the current Animal Control Ordinance be amended to take exception to service animals and animal trainers.

The City Attorney will review the request and make a recommendation to the City Commission.

### **Musketawa Trail**

Mohammad Al-Shatel, City Engineer, recommended that phase one of the Musketawa Trail be completed first. The commission agreed.

### **Engineering Services Agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink for Sherman and Henry Intersection and Sidewalk - Engineering**

The Commission authorized an agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink.

### **Site Assessment Grant Administration Contract - Planning**

The Planning Department is requesting approval of a contract with Couture Environmental Strategies LLC for continued administration of the Brownfield Grant in an amount not to exceed \$27,000.

The Commission will consider the request at its commission meeting.

### **Blue Lake Township Request – City Manager**

Commissioners Warmington, Gawron, Spataro, Wierengo, Carter, and Davis authorized \$100 from each of their travel budgets for a total of \$600 to go toward Blue Lake Township legal fees, which is defending its zoning rights, and authorized a resolution of support to the township.

### **City Maps – City Clerk**

The Commission approved Map Group, Inc. to print 10,000 City maps at no cost to the City and authorized the Mayor to sign a letter of support which will be mailed to local business owners.

### **PUD Enforcement Status – Commissioner Davis**

There are no updates at this time.

**Renaissance Place Update – Commissioner Davis**

There are no updates at this time.

**2007-47**

**Closed Session – City Manager’s Evaluation**

**Motion by Commissioner Spataro, seconded by Vice Mayor Gawron, to go into closed session to discuss the City Manager’s evaluation.**

**ROLL VOTE:**

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Carter**

***MOTION PASSES***

**Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo, to go into open session.**

***MOTION PASSES***

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Spataro to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.**

***MOTION PASSES***

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**Ann Marie Becker, MMC  
City Clerk**