

CITY OF MUSKEGON
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION
Monday, June 8, 2020
5:30 pm
City Commission Chambers

REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Gawron, Vice Mayor Hood, Commissioners Rinsema-Sybenga, Emory, Johnson, Ramsey, and German.

Absent: None.

Infill Housing Update - Discussion

Frank Peterson, City Manager, updated the City Commission on the proposed infill program in the City of Muskegon for rentals that will have an option to own through a partnership with the City.

Dave Dusendang, Developer, explained the program. The first area they are considering is Webster between 8th and 9th Street but he is open to any areas within the City. They are seeking a partnership with the City to build many homes that would be for low to moderate income. We could use a voucher program. Residents could rent them with the option to purchase at a later date. The total project is \$40,500,000 for approximately 300 homes.

Transmittal of 2020-21 Proposed Budget

Frank Peterson, City Manager, and Ken Grant, Assistant Finance Director, reviewed the revenue including proposed city income tax for 2020-21 and the impact COVID-19 is projected to have in the next fiscal year.

An overall view of the expenses were reviewed by the City Manager. It is proposed to transfer a total of \$1 million from this year and next year to help balance the budget.

Commissioners discussed the need for more community programs as well as a report of where we were, where we are now, and where we are going in growing within our community.

There is a proposed \$5 per month increase to water bills for the lead service line abatement. Water was previously approved to increase by 4%.

Update on the Leonard

Construction has been delayed for three months by the bank but we expect it to proceed.

City Hall Construction

We anticipate \$200,000 in construction to the second floor re-configuration of city hall not including cubicles.

Public Comments

Kwame James, 2076 Miner Avenue, questioned the budget for policing.

Debra Warren, 123 W. Larch Avenue, does not support more infill projects in Nelson Neighborhood and believes they should be shared with other neighborhoods. Would like to explore social programs.

The Worksession Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC – City Clerk