

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
May 11, 2015
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2015-33 (2)

Present: Commissioners Spataro, German, Johnson, Gawron, Rinsema-Sybenga, Hood, and Turnquist.

Absent: None

Acceptance of Terrace Point Circle & the extension of Terrace Point Dr within the Terrace Point Landing Site Condominium plat

Frank Peterson, City Manager, shared concerns from staff regarding a reverse curb which doesn't quite meet our ordinance for subdivisions but the low volume of traffic pretty much makes it a non-issue. This type of curb has also been referred to as a "calming curb". A City fire truck did make a pass through and had the same experience as with any other narrow street. There currently is no standard that anyone is aware of defining what constitutes a "Low-volume" road. There was also discussion regarding this being another version of "Terrace" and whether or not callers would effectively communicate their location to emergency dispatch. There are now 6 different "Terrace"s.

Any Other Business

Discussion took place about recent police shootings and the question regarding diversity training and racial healing were raised with respect to what training city officers receive and how often. Chief Lewis suggested all city employees may benefit from some form of diversity training. Chief Lewis also discussed his involvement in a diversity inclusion group, the group held their 9th forum since last year.

Discussion took place regarding an item on the agenda for the upcoming City Commission meeting regarding commercial rehabilitation. The discussion involved plans for downtown sites, tax exemptions, the effect of exemptions, and the effect of putting people to work downtown.

Some discussion also took place regarding a Capital Improvement Plan and whether or not it included turning Peck & Sanford back into 2-way streets. There was discussion about fixing roads and about building houses. We need to work on making people aware of programs that will help people spruce up their homes. There is a need for having more turn-key homes available and for having options available for all family types. The image improvement all ties in with housing, education, businesses, etc.

Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Cummings, MMC
City Clerk**