

CITY OF MUSKEGON
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION

Monday, May 7, 2018
5:30 p.m.
City Commission Chambers

MINUTES

2018-31

Present: Johnson, Hood, Turnquist, Gawron, Warren, German, and Rinsema-Sybenga
Absent: None

1. Remembrance Road Preliminary and Construction Engineering

City staff is requesting to enter into an agreement with Moore & Bruggink for preliminary and construction engineering services related to the reconstruction and widening of Remembrance Road from Keating south to new project side in the Port City Industrial Park. The requested consultant is currently working on the site development, has familiarity with needs for the project site and has submitted a reasonable cost estimate for the work. Discussion ensued. This item will be on the agenda for our next regular meeting.

2. MMFLA Application

Staff has prepared a local application for the Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act licenses and is seeking commission input and approval. Discussion took place regarding the application.

Motion by Commissioner Turnquist, second by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, to approve the MMFLA local application as presented.

AYES: Gawron, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist

NAYS: Johnson, Hood, Warren, and German

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3. MMFLA Overlay District

Staff is requesting an amendment to the zoning ordinance to include a new section for the Medical Marihuana Facilities Overlay District. The amendment was discussed. This item will be on the agenda for our next regular meeting.

4. LC Walker Arena Improvements

Staff is seeking approval to make a number of investments at the LC Walker Arena during the 2018 off-season. The improvements include updated ADA seating, demolition and removal of old/unused HVAC equipment, painting, and ceiling repairs. In

addition to these improvements, staff will be requesting funds from the Downtown Development Authority to replace the glass around the playing surface, replace ice controllers, upgrade restrooms, reconfigure a portion of the arena's seating, and improve food and beverage offerings. Collectively, these items are expected to help improve the fan/visitor experience and move the arena closer to self-sustainability.

ADA improvements: \$20,000

Paint: \$120,000

Selective Demolition: \$30,000

Ceiling Repairs: \$60,000

Discussion took place regarding the improvements. This item will appear on the agenda for the next regular meeting.

5. Presentation by Eric Foster – Director of Strategy, Banks & Company & Cannabis Practice Group (10 minutes)

The Michigan Canna Coalition Association provides information to advance legislative action supporting marijuana decriminalization, equitable economic development, and rapid toxicology testing technology. The presentation included information regarding the myths and realities of cannabis, social equity, community benefits, economic opportunities, and employment growth.

6. Any Other Business

Frank Peterson provided budget information on some houses that the city bought through the rehabilitation program.

Commissioner Johnson acknowledged and appreciates the work that staff has put into the MMFLA licensing process.

Commissioner Turnquist asked what is being done with potholes. Would like to see some improvements in Pere Marquette area.

Commissioner German asked about negotiations with Firefighters.

Ann Meisch told Commission about the quotes for getting the updates to fiber optics that we need to have done in order to get back on television. Item will be on the agenda soon.

Adjournment

The Worksession meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC – City Clerk