

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
May 7, 2007
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2007-40

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

Absent: None.

Update from Gary Post and Russ Strong – Western Avenue Properties

Gary Post and Russ Strong gave an update of the Western Avenue properties.

Update from Dan Harjer – Vida Nova

Open houses are held every Sunday from 11a.m. to 2p.m. It is hoped that the first offer will be received tomorrow.

Pere Marquette Smoke Free Beach Proposal

Jamie Cross, Alliance of the Great Lakes, made a presentation regarding a Pere Marquette smoke free beach. Ms. Cross and Commissioners discussed issues around size of area designated for smoke-free.

Recommendation made to bring to next Commission work session for discussion. Staff to obtain information on impact to size of area designated for smoke choice.

Procedures: Special Use Permits – Commissioner Davis

Discussion took place on the issuance of Special Use Permits.

Noise Ordinance – Commissioner Davis

Discussion took place regarding music at establishments on the beach. The police chief will send a letter to those businesses.

Farmers' Market Relocation – Commissioner Davis

The adequate size of area of new location for Market was discussed.

City Manager Evaluation Form

Summary was given from Commissioner Wierengo of revision of job description and recommended changes. A suggestion was raised to have the committee tweak the evaluation and distribute the old and new form to commissioners.

New Fire Station Expense Update

The Commission discussed various items of Fire Station Costs.

Taxicab Licensing

The clerk discussed calls from different companies in reference to rates of cab fares. Requests have also been received to license all vehicle transportation companies. The police chief discussed issues with taxi operator background checks.

Motion from Commissioner Carter, second by Commissioner Davis to have staff prepare an ordinance to repeal the ordinance that requires a taxi operator license.

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Any other Business

The Commission discussed the address of a Bike Trail Maintenance fund.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn.

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**Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk**