

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
March 12, 2007
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2007-22

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

Absent: None.

Introduction of Deniz Tolga

Lee Slaughter, Assistant City Manager, introduced Mr. Deniz Tolga, a resident from the City of Muskegon's Sister City, Kepez-Turkey, from March 5th through March 30th, 2007. Mr. Tolga will job shadow individuals within City Hall as well as throughout the community.

Cable Franchise Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Spataro, seconded by Vice Mayor Gawron that the City designate the City Manager or "designee" to respond on behalf of the City upon receipt of the application/notification.

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Outstanding Citizenship Award

The Commission stated their support of the concept of an Outstanding Citizenship Award program. They asked that the Public Relations Committee draft a budget stating the proposed cost for the program. They also asked that the Rotary Club be contacted to see if the association supports the concept and to be sure that the awards would be inclusive of all citizens.

Lisa Kirksey's Request

Mrs. Kirksey expressed interest in working along with Muskegon Recreation Center to enhance programs offered through/at Smith Ryerson Center in honor of her late husband Reverend Kirskey.

Mrs. Kirksey requests to pursue grant opportunities to foster the work of Reverend Kirksey through the building of a Center or enhancement of an existing facility (ie. Smith-Ryerson Center) that will commemorate Reverend Kirksey's vision.

The commission voiced their support to Mrs. Kirksey.

Smith-Ryerson Park MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application – public hearing March 27, 2007

The commission approved the preparation of the grant application and public hearing March 27, 2007.

Recreational Programming and Funding

Lee Slaughter, Assistant City Manager, and Lowell Kirksey, Leisure Services, presented information regarding recreational programming and funding. It was the consensus of the board that staff conduct further studies with the school system to share services. It was also suggested to approach those municipalities who currently share the City of Muskegon services to contribute to the funding.

Adjournment

Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Spataro seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk