

CITY OF MUSKEGON

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 2013

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS @ 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Regular Commission Meeting of the City of Muskegon was held at City Hall, 933 Terrace Street, Muskegon, Michigan at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Mayor Gawron opened the meeting with a prayer from Pastor Tim Cross from the Living Word Church of Muskegon after which the Commission and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL FOR THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

Present: Mayor Stephen Gawron, Vice Mayor Lawrence Spataro, Commissioners Eric Hood, Willie German, Sue Wierengo, Byron Turnquist, and Lea Markowski, City Manager Bryon Mazade, City Attorney John Schrier, and City Clerk Ann Marie Cummings.

2013-14 CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes. CITY CLERK

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To approve minutes of the February 8th Goal Setting Session, February 11th Commission Worksession Meeting, and the February 12th City Commission Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the minutes.

B. Approval of Building Contract for 553 Octavius. COMMUNITY & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To award the Abatement and Building Contract for the rehabilitation of 553 Octavius to Build-Right Construction for the City of Muskegon's Homebuyers Program through Community & Neighborhood Services. Six bids were received, and the cost estimate from our spec writer was \$121,150.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The funding for this project has been secured through the HOME program 2012 grant allocation.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To award Build-Right Construction the contract for 553 Octavius for the Community & Neighborhood Services office.

Motion by Vice Mayor Spataro, second by Commissioner German to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item C.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Hood, Spataro, German, Wierengo, Turnquist, Markowski, and Gawron

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2013-15 ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

C. Transportation Resolution. CITY MANAGER

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To approve the Transportation Resolution, a Michigan Municipal League initiative, expressing the immediate need to fund the repair of Michigan's roads and transportation systems to help make Michigan communities vibrant in the 21st century.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To approve the resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Turnquist, second by Commissioner Wierengo to approve the Transportation Resolution.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: None

Nays: Spataro, German, Wierengo, Turnquist, Markowski, Gawron, and Hood

MOTION FAILS

2013-16 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Request to Amend the Planned Unit Development for the Terrace Point Properties – 650 Terrace Point. PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Request to amend the Planned Unit Development (PUD) at the Terrace Point Drive properties, specifically the parcel at 650 Terrace Point Drive, by Terrace Point Landing, LLC. The original PUD was approved in 1989 for a project that included the hotel, marina, restaurant, public access to the waterfront and condos. The condos were the only part of the project that were not completed. This amendment would be to utilize this property for single family homes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the amendment to the PUD.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission unanimously approved recommendation of the amendment at their February 14th meeting. Willie Parker absent.

Motion by Vice Mayor Spataro, second by Commissioner Wierengo to approve the request to amend the Planned Unit Development for the Terrace Point Properties at 650 Terrace Point.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: German, Wierengo, Turnquist, Markowski, Gawron, Hood, and Spataro

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

B. 2013-2014 City Commission Goals. CITY MANAGER

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To approve the list of goals for 2013-2014. This list is the result of the goal setting session held on February 8, 2013.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Unknown at this time.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To approve the list of goals.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The City Commission met on February 8, 2013, and identified the list of goals for 2013-2014.

Motion by Commissioner Markowski, second by Commissioner German to approve the list of goals for 2013-2014.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Wierengo, Turnquist, Markowski, Gawron, Hood, Spataro, and German

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

C. Concurrence with the Housing Board of Appeals Notice and Order to Demolish the Following: PUBLIC SAFETY

1275 Allen Avenue

665 Allen Avenue (Area 11)

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: This is to request that the City Commission concur with the findings of the Housing Board of Appeals that the structures are unsafe, substandard, a public nuisance and that they be demolished within 30 days. It is further requested that administration be directed to obtain bids for the

demolition of the structures and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute a contract for demolition with the lowest responsible bidder.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: CDBG Funds.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To concur with the Housing Board of Appeals decision to demolish.

Motion by Commissioner Hood, second by Vice Mayor Spataro to concur with the Housing Board of Appeals notice and order to demolish 1275 Allen Avenue and 665 Allen Avenue.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Turnquist, Markowski, Gawron, Hood, Spataro, German, and Wierengo

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2013-17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Mayor Gawron commented on the Sappi property.

Motion by Vice Mayor Spataro, second by Commissioner Markowski to have the City explore appropriate zone or zones at property known as Sappi and consult with existing owner as part of the process.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Markowski, Gawron, Hood, Spataro, German, Wierengo, and Turnquist

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Cummings, MMC
City Clerk