

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
February 13, 2012
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2012-09

Present: Commissioners Gawron, Hood, Turnquist, German, and Spataro.

Absent: Commissioners Warmington and Wierengo.

Sand Products Proposal.

Cathy Brubaker-Clarke introduced representatives of Mart Dock.

Chuck Canestraight, and Scott Musselman, 560 Mart Street, made a proposal to relocate the campground located at Fisherman's Landing to a site at Pigeon Hill and place Sand Products at Fisherman's Landing.

They listed the benefits as:

- A more desirable campground with access to Muskegon Lake and Lake Michigan
- An additional boat launch at Pigeon Hill will provide access to Muskegon Lake from the west end of the lake as well as the east end
- Additional port capacity can be developed at the east end of Muskegon Lake

Deb Hawkins, 1093 Esther Avenue, currently operates Fisherman's Landing, is concerned of traffic jams, current access to the highway, the ability to accommodate 150 boats in a tournament, tent sites, and usage of the channel.

Jerry Symanski, 1500 W. Harbour Towne Circle, Muskegon and President of the Harbour Towne Association, spoke. The channel in the summer is very crowded, the proposal will be directly on the houses at Harbour Towne. The association would like to meet with the representatives to discuss the proposal. They are not 100% against the project, but they would like more time to evaluate it.

Emma Torreson, 3256 Wilcox, is concerned about the location of the launch ramp and safety issues. She is not completely against it. It's good to keep recreation at the west end.

Gary Hartman, Alto, MI, represents the Harbour Towne Marina. He doesn't believe the proposal fits the area. The channel is currently congested. Fisherman's Landing's location is easy access to the customers.

Ted Thall, 1647 E. Harbour Towne, responded. His condominium is connected directly to the proposed site. He is concerned the channel will not be wide enough. He does support some type of future development on the site. He would like to see a proposal more suitable.

Commissioner Spataro made a statement indicating that the Commission should say no to the project.

Second Quarter 2011-12 Budget Reforecast.

Tim Paul, Finance Director, stated that the Second Quarter Reforecast is looking well at this time.

Financial Management Software.

Staff recommends accepting the proposal from BS&A for a new Financial Management Software in the amount of \$125,000 to be paid in three equal installments and an annual licensing fee of \$15,548. A further upgrade is being recommended that will bring the total costs to \$143,000. Staff will ask for approval of \$143,000 at the February 14, 2012 Commission meeting.

Any Other Business.

Ron Marek, 1635 Nelson, Muskegon, believes if the City waits a few years, the BC Cobb Plant will be available for dock usage.

Shanta Davey, 4380 Hackley Point Lane, Norton Shores, would like to see the City continue with sustainability.

Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Spataro to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Cummings, MMC
City Clerk**