

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

MINUTES

2007-13

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

Absent: Commissioner Carter

WMKG – TV38 Fenton L. Kelley’s Request for Letter to Comcast

Commissioners discussed Mr. Kelley’s request to send a letter to Comcast Cable requesting the station to be placed on a lower channel.

Motion by Commissioner Spataro, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to call Comcast and state our concern and to follow the telephone call with a letter including the viewing station.

MOTION PASSES

PUD’s that Don’t Fulfill their Obligations (Davis)

Commissioner Davis expressed frustration with PUD’s not fulfilling their agreements.

Mayor Warmington directed staff to contact Jacobson’s to express their disappointment regarding the PUD and to seek advice from legal counsel.

Muskegon City Commission Goals

Commissioners discussed an action plan for each goal. Mayor Warmington suggested that each commissioner review the goals and develop an action plan.

Commissioners will speak further regarding the goals at the Community Relations Committee scheduled March 5, 2007.

Management Agreement for Fisherman’s Landing

A proposed agreement for management of Fisherman’s Landing was presented to the Commission. Staff met with representatives on several occasions to work out details of the agreement and to forge a stronger relationship with the group. Key provisions include:

Fisherman’s Landing assumes responsibility for grass mowing and peak-season electric costs.

Fisherman's Landing to provide financial reports and meet periodically with staff.

Fisherman's Landing to submit for approval site plan of improvements and campground expansion.

Facility to move towards self-sufficiency and further relieve city of financial obligations.

It is also proposed to expand the number of campsites to 102.

Several Commissioners stated their support for the expansion of the Fisherman's Landing.

It is also requested that a resolution be adopted to designate the channel from Muskegon Lake into Fisherman's Landing Launch & Campground as a "No Wake Zone" and that it be posted and enforced and buoys be placed into the channel itself.

Sewer Back Up Claim at 1301 Eastwood Drive

There were two sewer back-ups within a month of each other. The amount to settle the claim is \$14,736.39.

Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Spataro to authorize the payment of \$14,736.39.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, and Davis.

Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES

Commissioner Gawron absent during roll call.

Any Other Business:

Smokeless Beaches

A request was presented to designate the beaches as smoke free.

Cynthia Price, 1357 W. Summit, spoke in favor.

Donald Shampine, 12296 Lakeshore Drive, Grand Haven Township, spoke in favor.

Orville Crain, 530 E. Giles Road, Muskegon Township, spoke in favor.

Gail Law, 3085 Idlewild, spoke in favor.

Helen Sherman, 1347 Peck, spoke in favor.

Jamie Cross, Alliance for the Great Lakes, residence in Norton Shores, spoke in favor.

Discussion took place at great length among the commissioners. Enforcement was one of the key topics.

City Manager, Bryon Mazade, was chosen to be the liaison between the committee and commission. He will gather additional information regarding the subject.

Budget Transfers

Commissioner Spataro moved, Vice Mayor Gawron seconded, to approve the following transfers in the General Fund:

Transfers In:	
Sidewalk Fund	\$150,000
Budget Stabilization	\$150,000
Local Street	\$100,000
Major Street	\$200,000
Rehab Loan Escrow	\$ 7,740
Transfer Out:	
General Fund	\$607,740

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Commissioners Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, Davis, Gawron, Shepherd.
Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES

Adjournment

Commissioner Spataro moved, Commissioner Shepherd seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk