

CITY OF MUSKEGON  
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION  
February 11, 2013  
5:30 p.m.  
City Commission Chambers  
MINUTES

2013-09

Present: Commissioners Gawron, Spataro, Hood, German, Wierengo, Turnquist, and Markowski (arrived 5:35 p.m.).

Absent: None

**Farmer's Market Presentation.**

A presentation of a proposal to move the Farmer's Market to the downtown area was given by Cindy Larson and Steve Olson of Downtown Muskegon Development.

The Commission reviewed the proposed site plan. The proposal includes a community kitchen, more than 125 stalls (larger than stalls at the current location), over 500 parking spots including street parking, and a year round market. Cost is projected to be \$3 million dollars and will be raised by the DMDC organization.

Several members of the public participated stating their approval or opposition to the proposal.

Many questions and suggestions were given.

Members of the DMDC stated it is a very preliminary design and they are looking for input. They will incorporate many of the suggestions given as well as visiting neighborhoods and developing a committee consisting of farmers, neighborhoods, those working in the downtown, Commissioners, and staff members of the City to create a plan that might satisfy most.

Commissioners indicated they needed to see a plan that the majority of their constituents want, whether it is to move the market or keep it in its current location.

**Second Quarter 2012-13 Budget Reforecast.**

At this time staff is transmitting the Second Quarter 2012-13 Budget Reforecast which outlines proposed changes to the original budget that have come about as a result of changes in revenue projections, policy priorities, labor contracts, updated economic conditions, or other factors.

No major changes to the budget are proposed for the second quarter.

This item has been placed on the February 12, 2013 City Commission Meeting for consideration.

**Proposal for Codification of City Ordinances.**

The City's Code of Ordinances was last codified in 2002. Many ordinances have been added, deleted, and/or changed since that time.

The City has received a proposal from Municipal Code Corporation to codify the code of ordinances for an estimated \$18,000 - \$22,000 to be paid over two fiscal years.

This item has been placed on the February 12, 2013 City Commission Meeting for consideration.

**Encroachment Agreement – Placement of Public Benches.**

Our agreement with Perma Advertising, owner of the benches placed throughout the community for public use has expired. An agreement to renew the contract for ten years was presented to the Commission.

This item has been placed on the February 12, 2013 City Commission Meeting for consideration.

**Any Other Business.**

Vice Mayor Spataro requested that a plan be put into place to pave the dirt streets in the east side of the City.

**Adjournment.**

**Motion by Commissioner Wierengo, second by Commissioner Hood to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.**

***MOTION PASSES***

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**Ann Marie Cummings, MMC  
City Clerk**