

**CITY OF MUSKEGON
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION**

Monday, February 8, 2021

5:30 p.m.

REMOTE MEETING

MINUTES

2021-12

Present: Mayor Gawron (Muskegon, MI), Vice Mayor Hood (Muskegon, MI), Commissioners Rinsema-Sybenga (Muskegon, MI), Emory (Muskegon, MI), Johnson (Muskegon, MI), Ramsey (Muskegon, MI), and German (Muskegon, MI).

Informational Portal – City Clerk

Bang the Table is an informational portal that will allow staff to put out surveys, create newsletters, and create individual projects sites to assist staff in organizing notifications, seek feedback, and keep citizens updated and provide feedback.

Bang the Table offers a platform where all updates on a project are gathered in one location in an easy to read format. Citizens can provide feedback in a variety of ways including a mapping system, surveys, comments, etc. This will be a useful tool for departments for projects such as the master plan update, CDBG projects, NAM Programs, etc. The system offers more flexibility and tools to provide information in a quick format and allow us to better communicate with our citizens and gather information. The cost is \$15,000 per year with a \$1,900 onboarding cost. Staff did review other software including Accela Government Software, Granicus, and Bloomz. We found this software is geared towards government and offers many features not provided by other companies.

Mike McInerney from Bang the Table provided an overview and brief demonstration of the software. A question and comment period followed.

This item will be on the Tuesday, February 9, 2021 agenda for Commission consideration.

Special Event Parking at Pere Marquette – City Clerk
REMOVED PER STAFF REQUEST

Imagine Muskegon Lake

Commissioners discussed the direction of the Imagine Muskegon Lake Plan that was adopted in 2017 and adopted into the City's Master Plan in 2018 after a proposal for development at the ovals was rejected at the January 26, 2021 City Commission meeting. Mayor Gawron suggested an Ad Hoc committee to discuss and clarify the goals of the plan. The Ad Hoc committee members will include Mayor Gawron, Commissioner Ramsey, and Commissioner Johnson.

Public Comment was received by Chris Willis of 3066 Knollwood who presented a plan for the ovals developed by the Beachwood/Bluffton Neighborhood Association.

Adjournment: The Worksession meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC – City Clerk