

CITY OF MUSKEGON
CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION
Monday, January 13, 2020
5:30 p.m.
City Commission Chambers

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Stephen Gawron and Commissioners Hood, Emory, Johnson, German, and Rinsema-Sybenga.

Absent: Commissioner Ramsey.

Rescue Mission Development - Development Services

The Muskegon Rescue Mission would like to acquire remaining vacant land behind the men's shelter for expansion of the services they offer in our community. The concept includes a community resource center, a job training facility, and family housing. Staff will investigate easements, etc. on the property and prepare a quit claim deed to transfer the property to the MRM and request your approval at the January 28, 2020 meeting. The Planning Department will continue to work with MRM on the Development of the site plan.

Dan Skoglund, of the Muskegon Rescue Mission, presented his vision of the project.

This item will be placed on the January 28, 2020 meeting for consideration by the City Commission.

Urban Deer Management

Staff is forwarding a Cooperative Service Agreement and Work Initiation Document with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Urban Deer Management within the City of Muskegon. All three items are on the agreement for consideration at the January 14, 2020 Commission meeting.

The cost is \$12,906.57 for one set-up visit and four to five trips to cull animals.

This item will be placed on the January 14, 2020 meeting for consideration by the City Commission.

Marilyn Singleton, 1634 Ruddiman Street, is not in favor of this program.

Paid Beach Parking - Planning

Mike Franzak, Zoning Administrator, has been investigating a system of paid parking at the beach. The estimated cost of services at the beach was estimated to be \$475,000 in 2016/17.

Three proposals were given for paid parking. All systems include free parking to residents of the City of Muskegon.

The proposed systems include:

Pay and Display - Pay a kiosk/attendant and display a pass on dashboard/window

Pay and Enter - Pay kiosk and enter license plate into kiosk

Mobile - Enter license plate into mobile app

Commissioners had a lengthy discussion on the process and how free passes are issued to residents. Staff will do further research and bring a proposal before the Commission at the next Worksession meeting.

Tax Incentive Policy Revision - Development Services

Staff is seeking additional input on a revision of the draft policy to standardize tax incentives for development within the city.

Commissioners suggested further changes to the policy.

It is hoped staff will have a policy ready for the City Commission consideration at the January 14, 2020 meeting.

Commissioner German left at 7:55

Economic Development Services Agreements - Development Services

The economic development team has contracted with the City of Roosevelt Park for economic development services, and the agreement was recently approved by their City Council. The team has also contracted with the City of North Muskegon. Approval was made by their City Manager.

North Muskegon is paying \$5,000 annually and Roosevelt Park is paying \$6,500 annually.

Suburban Nation Review

Book Review by LeighAnn Mikesell.

Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC – City Clerk