

CITY OF MUSKEGON

CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION

May 12, 2025 @ 5:30 PM

**MUSKEGON CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS
933 TERRACE STREET, MUSKEGON, MI 49440**

- ☐ **CALL TO ORDER:**
- ☐ **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Apple Avenue Resolutions of Support Public Works**
- ☐ **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- ☐ **ADJOURNMENT:**
- ☐ **COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING:**
 - A. May 12, 2025 Community Relations Committee Agenda City Clerk**
 - B. Resolution for Watch Muskegon Day Manager's Office**

AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT POLICY FOR ACCESS TO OPEN MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF MUSKEGON AND ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES OR SUBCOMMITTEES

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Agenda Item Review Form

Muskegon City Commission

Commission Meeting Date: May 12, 2025	Title: Apple Avenue Resolutions of Support									
Submitted by: Dan VanderHeide, Public Works Director	Department: Public Works									
Brief Summary: Staff will present two resolutions for discussion, including a resolution expressing support for MDOT's design of the roadway, the City's cost share of certain items, and a resolution expressing a desire to take ownership of Apple Avenue within the City limits after the construction project is complete.										
Detailed Summary & Background: Staff will present background information and supporting documents for the Commission's consideration.										
Goal/Focus Area/Action Item Addressed: Key Focus Areas: Goal/Action Item: 2027 Goal 1: Destination Community & Quality of Life - Improved transportation connections throughout the community										
Amount Requested: N/A	Budgeted Item: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td></td> <td>No</td> <td></td> <td>N/A</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Yes		No		N/A	X			
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Fund(s) or Account(s): N/A	Budget Amendment Needed: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Yes</td> <td></td> <td>No</td> <td></td> <td>N/A</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Yes		No		N/A	X			
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Recommended Motion: N/A (For Discussion Only)										
Approvals: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Immediate Division Head</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information Technology</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Division Heads</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Immediate Division Head	X		Information Technology			Other Division Heads			Guest(s) Invited / Presenting: No
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Information Technology										
Other Division Heads										

Communication	X		
Legal Review			

City of Muskegon

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT for

MDOT's Reconstruction of Apple Avenue, Webster Ave to Home St

WHEREAS, The City of Muskegon recognizes the substantial investment the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will make into the Apple Avenue corridor within the City of Muskegon limits, and desires to acknowledge the close partnership that MDOT has demonstrated during the design and development process; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon has valuable utility assets in the Apple Avenue corridor, and those assets have capital repair and replacement needs that the City has asked MDOT to include in the project, at the City's cost of approximately \$1,750,000 in sewer costs and \$480,000 in water costs; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon acknowledges that the City is statutorily obligated to pay a percentage of the total road project costs under Public Act 51 of 1951 as amended, estimated at \$150,000; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon has asked for specific improvements based upon its Master Plan and public engagement efforts, including a multi-use path along the south side of Apple Avenue, and the City anticipates those improvements will cost approximately \$1,400,000; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon, its residents and businesses have been active participants in the design process through extensive engagement efforts by both the City and by MDOT; and,

WHEREAS, the current design of the project includes a reduction in the number of lanes in certain locations to create a five-lane roadway from US-31 to Burton, a three-lane roadway from Burton to Wood, and a two-lane section from Wood to Webster; and

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon desires to express support for a three-lane section from Burton Street to Terrace Street in order to minimize any impacts to its Public Safety Department's emergency responses;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that City of Muskegon hereby expresses its support for the project, its overall design, and MDOT's partnership throughout the process.

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Commission of the City of Muskegon on May 13, 2025.

BY: Ann Meisch, City Clerk

Signature

Date

City of Muskegon

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT for

City Ownership of Apple Avenue, Webster Ave to US-31

WHEREAS, The City of Muskegon recognizes the substantial investment the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will make into the Apple Avenue corridor within the City of Muskegon limits, and desires to acknowledge the close partnership that MDOT has demonstrated during the design and development process; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that MDOT operates a wide network of highways, expressways, rural roads and urban streets and those facilities have competing demands; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon has experience taking over streets and routes from MDOT including Muskegon and Webster Avenues and has seen a marked reduction in speeds, a marked increase in neighborhood character, and many other benefits after taking over an MDOT facility; and,

WHEREAS, MDOT has expressed that if the City commits to taking Apple Avenue as a City street after the 2026 reconstruction project, the design standards applicable to the project will become more flexible and allow for further changes that will help change the character of Apple Avenue from a highway to a city street; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon has been assured that the payments to the City under Public Act 51 of 1951 as amended will continue at their current rate should the City take Apple Avenue as a city street; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Muskegon and MDOT anticipate formalizing an agreement detailing the specific processes and components of Apple Avenue becoming a city street, but that agreement depends upon components of the design and bidding process that cannot be completed until 2025 or 2026;

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that City of Muskegon hereby expresses its support for taking Apple Avenue as a city street after MDOT completes the 2026 reconstruction project, dependent upon the successful execution of a mutually-agreeable document later in the process and as described above.

Yeas:

Nays:

Absent:

I certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the City Commission of the City of Muskegon on May 13, 2025.

BY: Ann Meisch, City Clerk

Signature

Date

**CITY OF MUSKEGON
COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, May 12, 2025
City Commission Chambers

AGENDA

1. **Minutes**
 - a. Approval of April 7, 2025 minutes
2. **Board Resignations**
 - a. Citizen's Police Review Board – Chelsea Kelley, Citizen At Large, expires 01/31/2027
3. **Board Updates from Commissioners**
 - a. **Commissioner Willie German** – Equal Opportunity Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals
 - b. **Commissioner Rachel Gorman** – Downtown Arts Committee, Julia Hackley Committee, WMSRDC
 - c. **Commissioner Destinee Keener** – Equal Opportunity Committee, Planning Commission
 - d. **Commissioner Jay Kilgo** – Housing Code Board of Appeals, Land Bank Authority
 - e. **Commissioner Katrina Kochin** – Historic District Commission, Citizen's District Council
 - f. **Commissioner Rebecca St. Clair** – Community Relations Committee Chair, Farmers Market Advisory Board, Housing Commission
4. **Other Business**
5. **Adjournment**

*Candidate serves on a current board.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 2025

6:20 p.m.

City Commission Chambers

Present: German, Gorman, Johnson, Kilgo, Kochin, St. Clair

1. Minutes

Motion by Commissioner German, second by Commissioner Kilgo, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2025 meeting.

MOTION PASSED

2. Board Resignations

Motion by Commissioner Kochin, second by Commissioner Kilgo, to accept the resignation of Civil Service Commission member Dave Wendtland, Citizen, expiring term 01/31/2027.

MOTION PASSED

3. Board *Reappointment and Appointment Recommendations

The Community Relations Committee recommended to the City Commission the listed applicants for approval to terms on the following boards and committees.

a. Civil Service Commission

Motion by Commissioner German, second by Commissioner Kochin to recommend appointment of Georgia Moss, Citizen, expiring 01/31/2027

MOTION PASSED

b. Lakeside Business Improvement District

Motion by Mayor Johnson, second by Commissioner Kilgo to recommend appointment of Nils Bodman, Assessed owner or representative to a partial term expiring 01/31/2026

ROLL VOTE: AYES: St. Clair, Johnson, Kilgo, Gorman

NAYS: Kochin, German

MOTION PASSED

Addition. Citizens Police Review Board – Member of Minority Based Organization

Motion by Commissioner German, second by Commission Kochin, to recommend *reappointment of William Muhammad, Member of Minority Based Organization, expiring 01/31/27

MOTION PASSED

4. Board Updates from Commissioners

Commissioner Gorman reported for West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission that she was part of a discussion about the highway interchange and it will be a topic at the May 29, 2025 Chamber event.

5. Other Business

Discussion took place regarding public comment at the work session about access to the beach park and, also, the new SeeClickFIX public tool for reporting non-emergency neighborhood issues that is going to launch soon.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Ann Marie Meisch, City Clerk

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4/20/2025

Citizens Police Review Board
933 Terrace Street Muskegon, MI 49440

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to formally resign from my position on the Citizens Police Review Board, effective May 1st, 2025

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve alongside dedicated individuals committed to fostering accountability, transparency, and trust between the community and law enforcement. However, after heavy consideration, I must take mature accountability to the reality of my capacity to be fully present at the table.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I wish the board continued success in its vital mission.

Sincerely,

Chelsea Kelley

WATCH MUSKEGON

A RESOLUTION DECLARING MAY 22 AS WATCH MUSKEGON DAY

WHEREAS, the Watch Muskegon campaign was officially launched on May 22, 2015, as a countywide initiative focused on three key areas: Education, Beautification, and Marketing, with the goal of fostering a positive image and continued growth for Muskegon County; and

WHEREAS, the Education component of the campaign has supported initiatives such as Muskegon STARS, the Muskegon Area Promise program, Make My Move, Livability Magazine, and other efforts that promote learning opportunities and workforce attraction; and

WHEREAS, the Beautification component has encouraged community pride and improvement projects, in turn, enhancing the visual appeal of Muskegon County and making it a more attractive place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, the Marketing efforts of the Watch Muskegon campaign have successfully elevated Muskegon County's profile, attracting new residents, visitors, and investments that have contributed to the area's economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Watch Muskegon campaign has played a major role in fostering significant developments and investments in Muskegon County, leading to increased business activity, residential growth, recreational enhancements, and infrastructure improvements that have strengthened the local economy and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Watch Muskegon campaign has become a recognizable and influential brand, with open-source graphics that encourage continued community engagement and the ongoing promotion of Muskegon County as a premier destination to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, an annual Watch Muskegon Day on May 22 will provide an opportunity for leaders, residents, employees, businesses, and tourists to celebrate the county's progress by wearing Watch Muskegon apparel, preparing properties for the summer season, and recognizing the campaign's impact on the community's growth and development; and

WHEREAS, this day will also serve as an opportunity to honor the relentless hard work and passion of all community members of the Muskegon area who have contributed to making Muskegon County a place to WATCH;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Muskegon hereby declares May 22 of each year as **Watch Muskegon Day** and encourages all residents, businesses, and organizations to participate in celebrating Muskegon County's ongoing success.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Rachel Gorman and supported by Commissioner _____, and same was duly passed at a general session of the City of Muskegon City Commission.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Commission of the City of Muskegon, County of Muskegon, Michigan at a regular meeting held on May 13, 2025

By: _____
Kenneth D. Johnson, Mayor