

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
April 8, 2013
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2013-28

Present: Commissioners Gawron, Spataro, German, Markowski, Hood, Turnquist, and Wierengo.

Absent: None.

Endorsement of Farmer's Market Relocation.

The Downtown Muskegon Development Corporation (DMDC) is requesting an endorsement from the City Commission to relocate the Farmer's Market to properties owned by the DMDC in the vicinity of Morris Avenue, Terrace Street, and Western Avenue.

Steve Olson, committee member of DMDC, presented the latest proposed plans to relocate the Farmer's Market to the downtown. Highlights include 166 on-site parking spaces, 340 off-site parking spaces, water connection for every four to six vendors, commercial kitchen, and part of the market will be open year-around.

Cindie Larson, Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce, indicated several public meetings have been held and citizens had the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns.

Members of the Public were present and gave input.

This item has been placed on the April 9, 2013 City Commission meeting for consideration.

2013-14 Healthcare & Wellness Program.

It is time to renew the City's healthcare coverage for 2013-14 plan year (6/1/13-5/31/14). Renewal premiums for the City's current healthcare program have come in at a 5.04% increase over the current year. Last year we experienced a 7.90% increase and in 2011-12 the increase was 8.83%. In comparative terms, the rate increase is moderate as many employers are experiencing sharp double-digit rate increases. Also, the City's healthcare costs remain well below the "hard cap limits" set by PA 152 and remain cost competitive with the standards set by EVIP for new hires. These are good independent indicators that the City's program is cost-effective.

This item has been placed on the April 9, 2013 City Commission meeting for consideration.

City of Muskegon Vision Statement.

Motion by Commissioner Turnquist, seconded by Vice Mayor Spataro to adopt the revised Vision Statement as stated below:

Muskegon, the Premier Shoreline City offering a vibrant, affordable and ethnically diverse city where citizens feel safe, enjoy their neighborhoods and have access to their city government.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Ayes: Spataro, German, Wierengo, Turnquist, Markowski, Gawron, and Hood.
Nays: None.**

MOTION PASSES

RFP's for City Manager Search.

Nine Requests for Proposals were received for the City Manager search. They include Bob Murray, MML, Voorhies Associates, Slaven Management, Mercer Group, Waters Group, Anchor, Bassinger, and SGR.

The Commission reviewed each proposal and voiced their likes and dislikes.

This item has been placed on the April 9, 2013 City Commission meeting for consideration.

Any Other Business.

MDNR Resolution to Receive Funding for Emergency Dredging.

Motion by Commissioner Turnquist, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to adopt the resolution accepting the terms of the agreement for emergency funding for dredging from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Ayes: German, Wierengo, Turnquist, Markowski, Gawron, Hood, and Spataro.
Nays: None.**

MOTION PASSES

Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Cummings, MMC
City Clerk**