

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
October 13, 2014
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2014-76

Present: Commissioners Hood, German, Rinsema-Sybenga, Gawron, Johnson, Turnquist, and Spataro.

Absent: None.

Muskegon Bike Time – Request for a 5-Year Commitment for Bike Time 2015-2019.

Muskegon Bike Time has submitted a request for a five-year commitment from the City to host Bike Time downtown. There are no major changes from the way Bike Time has operated in the past. This year, 2014, was the first year that Bike Time was operated by a local group and they are requesting a 5-year agreement to make planning the event easier.

This item has been placed on the October 14, 2014 City Commission meeting for consideration.

Taser (X26-P) Units for the Police Department.

The Director of Public Safety requests the City Commission review and authorize the purchase and implementation of the “Taser x26p” force continuum tool (less than lethal device). The police department is submitting a request for the purchase of twenty-five (25) units (safety yellow), and accessories. The department currently does not have a force continuum tool with the exception of “impact weapons” and “CS gas” (spray). The department believes risk to citizens and police officers may be reduced and research supports a reduction in excessive force claims. The purchase and implementation will be coordinated with officer training, department policy, followed up by “use of force reporting” and supervisory review on all TASER activations.

This item has been placed on the October 14, 2014 City Commission meeting for consideration.

Any Other Business.

West Michigan Lake Hawks – City Support.

After a successful season in 2013, the West Michigan Lake Hawks have requested assistance from the City of Muskegon for their 2014 Season. Staff has proposed providing financial assistance through the purchase of game tickets, which would be provided to local groups working with youth (similar to the arrangement with the Muskegon Lumberjacks). The majority of games for the season will be played at the Muskegon Heights and Reeths Puffer High Schools. However, staff has suggested the team attempt to get at least one game at Muskegon High School (in which case additional funds may be needed for the higher cost of the facility).

Staff recommends the City Commission consider purchasing 20 tickets at \$10 each for each home game (13 games this season) for a total of \$2,600; as well as 20 additional tickets if they are able to secure the Muskegon Public High School (MPHS) for a game (additional \$200). In addition, if the MPHS is secured, it is recommended the City finance the difference in costs from the other venues (cost over \$500); possibly to be shared by MPS.

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City Commission Rules and Procedures

Vice Mayor Spataro reviewed some of the rules and procedures with Commissioners. Commissioner Turnquist reiterated the need for Commissioners to be recognized by the Chair before speaking.

Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga to adjourn at 6:48 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Cummings, MMC
City Clerk**