

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
August 8, 2016
Muskegon City Chambers
933 Terrace, Muskegon, MI 49440
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2016-61

Present: Commissioners Hood, Gawron (left at 6:15 p.m.), Johnson, Turnquist, Rinsema-Sybenga, and Warren.

Absent: German.

Pure Muskegon.

Wes Ecklund, of Fleet Engineering, gave a presentation of Windward Pointe. Several members of the community purchased the old Sappi property with plans to redevelop it. The property will be mixed use with houses, marina, shopping, etc. Plans are not complete and much needs to be done before development can commence but change is coming.

Red Project.

Steve Alsum, Executive Director of The Grand Rapids Red Project would like to begin a similar program in Muskegon. The program allows people to exchange used needles for clean needles. The program has proven very successful in Grand Rapids and has lowered the percentage of those who contract a disease from a used needle.

Commission approval is mandated by law before such a program can begin. Commissioners did request more information including the sites the needles would be available. More information will be forthcoming.

Street Lighting.

A possible street lighting assessment was discussed. The assessment would pay for existing lights to be replaced with higher efficiency lighting. There are 14,482 properties that would be responsible for approximately \$18.85 each year over a ten year period of time.

Some Commissioners showed reluctance or stated they would not support a special assessment for this purpose. Others requested more information. Staff was requested to gather solid numbers to share with the Commission.

Adjournment.

Moved by Hood, seconded by Rinsema-Sybenga to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION PASSES.

**Ann Marie Meisch, MMC
City Clerk**