

CITY COMMISSION GOAL SETTING SESSION FEBRUARY 19, 2010

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Warmington, Vice Mayor Gawron, Commissioners Carter, Shepherd, Spataro, Wierengo, and Wisneski.

Staff Present: Mazade, Al-Shatel, Grant, Kleibecker, Maurer, Kincaid, Kuhn, Brubaker-Clarke, Griffin, Paul, Lewis, Smith, Thompson, Scholle, and Becker.

Others: Dave Alexander, Muskegon Chronicle

Opening remarks were given by Mayor Warmington.

Bob Kuhn facilitated the session. Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

The Mission, Vision and Value Statements were reviewed.

The 2010 Goal Setting meeting centered around proposed financial and program cuts to the 2010 and 2011 fiscal years.

Commissioners offered suggestions of services that could be further evaluated for possible elimination or reduction of services. The following categories and suggestions were made:

Get out of the business

Youth services (eliminate completely, partially, or partnership with another organization(s))

Senior citizen transit

Streetlight reduction

Is this duplicated

Economic development

CIS mapping

Inspections

LC Walker Arena

Contracting out

Traffic Department

Cemetery maintenance

Lift station

Job descriptions (regionally or internally)

Level of service reduction

Extend vehicle rentals

Cost reductions

Wages and benefits

Vendors

Smartzone debt

Cost sharing of benefits

Healthcare costs target 15% for employee responsibility

Reorganization

CDBG Funds

Fire services

Physical consolidation of City Hall

Prevailing wage rates

Youth programs

Discussion also took place on a possible millage increase. Tim Paul indicated that a two mill increase is the equivalent of \$1.5 million in revenue.

Commissioners agreed that cuts to the budget need to be made before a millage increase can be considered.

City Staff left the meeting/session at 12:30 p.m.

City Manager and Commission continued discussions immediately following.

Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk