

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
August 11, 2008
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2008-68

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

Absent: None.

Geographic Information System (GIS) City/County Contract Presentation. (Tom VanBruggen)

Tom VanBruggen, of Muskegon County, presented the proposed Geographic Information System City/County contract. This item will be placed on the August 26, 2008 Commission agenda.

Sewer Back-Up Claim at 1387 Sixth Street. (Assistant Finance Director)

Beth Lewis, Assistant Finance Director, provided a settlement in the amount of \$17,324.97 for a sewer back-up claim at 1387 Sixth Street.

Commissioner Spataro disclosed that he works with the homeowner through the local Neighborhood Association.

Motion by Carter, seconded by Shepherd to approve the settlement for the sewer back-up claim at 1387 Sixth Street in the amount of \$17,324.97.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, Wisneski, Carter, and Gawron.

Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES.

Memorial Honoring Commissioner Kevin Davis. (Leisure Services)

Beachwood-Bluffton Neighborhood Association requests that the volleyball court area at Pere Marquette Park north of Captain Jacks Restaurant be named Kevin Davis Volleyball Ct., in honor of former Commissioner Kevin Davis for his public service to the citizens of Muskegon, and devotion to developing beach volleyball at Pere Marquette Park.

This item has been placed on the Commission agenda August 12, 2008.

Hackley Heritage Association, Inc. Request. (City Manager)

Hackley Heritage Association is seeking permission from the City of Muskegon to restore the fence, including the recreation of the missing corner posts, around the *Soldiers and Sailors Monument* in Hackley Park.

Motion by Spataro, seconded by Gawron to approve the request from the Hackley Heritage Association to restore the fence, including the recreation of the missing corner posts, around the *Soldiers and Sailors Monument* in Hackley Park conditional upon approval of the Historic District Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

**Ayes: Carter, Gawron, Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, and Wisneski.
Nays: None.**

MOTION PASSES.

City Support for Movie Making. (City Manager)

The Watermark recently announced that a movie making studio will be placed in its facilities. Staff has received several requests for use of city services and equipment and is asking the Commission's guidance in creating a policy.

City Commissioners gave several suggestions of items to be placed in a proposed policy.

Staff will develop a policy to present to the City Commission at a future meeting for review.

Spotlight Liquor License. (City Manager)

The City Manager has been in contact with the Liquor Control Commission. Because the City is over its quota for liquor licenses, the City could lose the liquor license if it chooses to revoke the existing license.

The City Commission will delay further action to revoke the liquor license and see if the license can be sold within the City.

West Michigan Transit Linkages Study. (City Manager)

It is requested that the City Commission approve the resolution to support conducting a West Michigan Transit Linkages Study to complete a needs assessment for commuter transit services in West Michigan.

Motion by Spataro, seconded by Shepherd to adopt a resolution to support conducting a West Michigan Transit Linkages Study to complete a needs assessment for commuter transit services in West Michigan.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Wierengo, Wisneski, Carter, Gawron, Shepherd, Spataro, and Warmington.

Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES.

Closed Session to Discuss Pending Litigation.

Motion by Shepherd, seconded by Carter to go into closed session to discuss attorney-client privileged communication.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, Wisneski, Carter, Gawron, and Shepherd.

Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES.

Motion by Spataro, seconded by Shepherd to go into open session.

MOTION PASSES.

Motion by Spataro, seconded by Carter to concur with the recommendation from the City Attorney and staff.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Wisneski, Carter, Gawron, Spataro, Warmington, and Wierengo.

Nays: Shepherd.

MOTION PASSES.

Adjournment

Motion by Carter, seconded by Shepherd to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk**