

City of Muskegon  
City Commission Worksession  
January 7, 2008  
City Commission Chambers  
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2008-2

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

Absent: None.

**Withdraw Paving Petition – Harbor Town Circle**

It was the consensus of the Commission to withdraw the paving petition.

**Removal of Street Lights along Muskegon and Webster between 9<sup>th</sup> and Spring**

City Engineer, Mohammad Al Shatel, stated the cost to remove the lights will be \$30,000 - \$35,000. The approximate cost to continue with the lighting is \$400. Engineering will verify these figures and report to the Commission.

It was requested to obtain figures for the residential section between 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Renaissance Zone Extension for Heritage Square Development**

Gary Post is asking the City Commission to extend the Renaissance Zone for a minimum of seven years. The project includes 22 units. The market requires an incentive to move to the downtown at this time, and a renaissance zone would be it. There are currently two reservations for the development.

A decision by the City Commission will be made on the Tuesday, January 8, 2008 Commission meeting.

**Casino Development Presentation/LacVieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians**

A presentation for a proposed casino at the SPX Building in downtown Muskegon was given by Paul Vilser, an attorney representing the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.

Limited entertainment and food services will be made available.

The tribe is willing to pay reasonable attorney fees for the City.

The City Commission will submit questions for follow up.

It was the consensus of the City Commission to allow staff to continue discussions with the group and to report to the City Commission.

A tornado warning was issued and the entire Commission and audience were evacuated to the basement for approximately 30 minutes.

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Wisneski to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.**

***MOTION PASSES***

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**Ann Marie Becker, MMC  
City Clerk**