

City of Muskegon  
City Commission Worksession  
October 13, 2008  
City Commission Chambers  
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2008-85

Present: Commissioners Warmington, Wierengo, Wisneski, Gawron, Shepherd, and Spataro, and Carter (arrived 5:42 p.m.).

Absent: None.

**Presentation: Old Landfill. David Farhat**

David Farhat made a presentation to develop the old landfill located on the causeway by developing a nature preserve and creating a regional law enforcement training facility.

He will continue to keep the City Manager informed of any developments.

**Presentation: Milwaukee Clipper**

Dr. Hilt made a presentation seeking the Commission's input to move the Milwaukee Clipper be moved to the old site of the Port City Princess at the Hartshorn Marina.

**Wisneski moved, Carter seconded, to approve allowing the Milwaukee Clipper to move to the Hartshorn Marina site as a temporary location till research can be completed to determine if it is an appropriate long-term location, and that it has a specific timeline and that the final agreement comes back to the City Commission for final approval.**

*MOTION PASSES.*

**Pigeon Key Boat Slip**

Mr. Richard P. Stutzman made a presentation regarding a boat slip at Pigeon Key that the City recently purchased from the County for back taxes. He is asking that the City re-consider and allow him the boat slip.

**Spataro moved, Shepherd seconded, to refer this matter back to staff for a recommendation at next months worksession meeting.**

*MOTION PASSES.*

**DSE, Ann Bratsburg**

This item will be placed on the next worksession agenda.

**AmTrak, John Langdon**

Mr. Langdon asked that the City Commission consider passing a resolution to increase current funding level for the state-supported Pere Marquette passenger train to add a second daily train out of Chicago to arrive in Grand Rapids before noon.

**Spataro moved, Shepherd seconded, to adopt the resolution of support to increase current funding level for the stat-supported Pere Marquette passenger train to add a second daily train out of Chicago to arrive in Grand Rapids before noon.**

*MOTION PASSES.*

**Film & Music Policy – City of Muskegon. Planning & Economic Development**

Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, Community & Economic Development Director, presented a proposed Film & Music Policy.

**Timeline – Tax Abatements. Bryon Mazade**

The City has been approached by companies asking that the City consider a longer timeline than what is currently in the City policy.

The City Commission will evaluate each request on a case-by-case basis.

**Congress of Cities Registration. Commissioner Shepherd**

Commissioner Shepherd requested that the City Commission consider paying the registration fee of \$525 to the Congress of Cities Registration.

Commissioner Wierengo and Carter have volunteered to take the fees from their budgets.

**Branding. Vice Mayor Gawron**

Vice Mayor Gawron presented the branding concept, *Simply Muskegon!* To the City Commission.

**Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.**

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**Ann Marie Becker, MMC  
City Clerk**