

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
July 12, 2010
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

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Present: Commissioners Warmington, Gawron, Carter, Spataro, Wierengo, Shepherd, and Wisneski.
Absent: None.

Liability Claim: Theresa Lopez.

Moved by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to approve the liability claim for Theresa Lopez in the amount of \$25,000 as recommended by the Michigan Risk Management Authority.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSES.

Commemorative Street naming of First Street between Muskegon and Webster.

Moved by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Carter to authorize staff to prepare two signs and install one at the intersection of First and Muskegon and present the other sign to the surviving family member of Reverend George M. Bennett.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSES.

Request for Contribution from the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce – Community Service Improvement Plan Feasibility Study.

Moved by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to contribute \$1,000 for a Community Service Improvement Plan Feasibility Study.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION PASSES.

De-energizing 37 Streetlights and Installing Four New Ones

Moved by Commissioner Spataro, supported by Commissioner Gawron to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Consumer Energy to de-energize 37 City owned streetlights along Moses J. Jones Parkway and install 4 new cobra headlights at the intersection of Bayou and Marquette as outlined in the agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES.

Proposal to Reduce Streetlight Expense.

Discussion took place on how to reduce lighting costs. Two options presented are:

1. Removal of unnecessary midblock streetlights on both major and local streets.
2. Turn off power to unnecessary midblock streetlights on both major and local streets.

A proposal will be given at a future City Commission meeting.

Towing Contract.

The existing towing contract has been extended 60 days. Public Safety Director, Tony Kleibecker, discussed the bid with Commissioners.

Any Other Business.

Commissioner Spataro stated there are some turn lanes in the downtown area that are not being used correctly.

Mohammad Al-Shatel, Department of Public Works Director, indicated there is a plan in place to remedy the situation.

Pat Montney, 925 Irwin, requested some time with the City Commission to discuss how the City will handle HUD programs.

Janessa Smitt, Chamber of Commerce, thanked the Mayor and Commission for supporting the Community Service Improvement Plan Feasibility Study.

Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk**