

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
November 8, 2010
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

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

Absent: Commissioner Carter.

Blueways and Greenways.

Erin Kuhn and Kathy Evans presented the Blueways and Greenways plan. The Plan was funded in part by the Michigan Coastal Management Program, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment through a grant from the NOAA, and leveraged with a lake Michigan Watershed Academy grant from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and the U.S. EPA.

Definitions: A **Greenway** is an undeveloped land usually in cities, set aside or used for recreation or conservation. A **Blueway** is a body of water that features public access, recreational opportunities, and promotes interaction with the water. A **Green Infrastructure** is an interconnected network of open spaces and natural areas, such as greenways, blueways, wetlands, parks, and forests that contribute to the health and quality of life for communities and people.

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Eric VanDop and Tim Arter of Brickley Delong were in attendance to present the shortened June 30, 2010 six month Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Wastewater Management Contract.

Robert Kuhn, former DPW Director, provided a history of the current Wastewater Contract and what the new Wastewater Management Contract will offer the City.

Dave Wendtland, former City Manager and resident at 1399 Nelson, agreed with the comments made by Robert Kuhn. The contract being offered is better than the current contract as is.

Scott Huebler, City Manager for the City of Whitehall, believes the agreement will serve everyone well.

This item will be taken up at a future Commission meeting.

City Investment Overview.

Tim Paul, Finance Director, gave a detailed explanation and short history of the City's investments. The City's priority is to make sure the funds are safe, the funds are accessible, and what the yield will be.

Special Events.

Tony Kleibecker, Public Safety Director, presented a draft Special Events Policy submitted by staff.

The Commission will review the policy and discuss it at a future meeting.

Any Other Business.

Comments were received from Commissioners and audience members.

Closed Session: Attorney/Client Privileged Communication.

Motion by Vice Mayor Gawron, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to go into closed session for attorney/client privileged communication.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES

Motion by Commissioner Wierengo, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to come out of closed session.

MOTION PASSES.

Adjournment.

Motion by Vice Mayor Gawron, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk**