

CITY OF MUSKEGON

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2016

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS @ 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Regular Commission Meeting of the City of Muskegon was held at City Hall, 933 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 26, 2016.

Pastor Marcy Miller, Samuel Lutheran Church, opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Commission and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL FOR THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

Present: Mayor Stephen Gawron, Commissioners Debra Warren, Willie German, Jr., Dan Rinsema-Sybenga, Byron Turnquist, and Ken Johnson, City Manager Franklin Peterson, City Attorney John Schrier, and Deputy City Clerk Kimberly Grimm.

Absent: Vice Mayor Eric Hood

2016-09 CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes City Clerk

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 Worksession Meeting and the January 12, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the minutes.

B. Vacation of the Remainder of the 16 foot Wide Alley in Block 14 of Continental Addition Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Lorin Industries at 1960 Roberts Street is requesting to vacate the remainder of the 16 foot wide alley in Block 14 of Continental Addition, north of Keating and South of vacated Nims (east of Vulcan (vacated) and west of Robert Street)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends vacation of the street, with the condition that all utility easement rights be retained.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission unanimously recommended vacation of the alley at their January meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, second by Commissioner German, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Warren, German, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, Johnson, and Gawron

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2016-10 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Series 2016 Refunding Bonds Finance Director

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Approve a resolution authorizing the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016. The resolution authorizes the issuance of Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,100,000 to refinance the City's Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series, 2006. At this time, it is believed to be in the City's best interest to refund the outstanding Series 2006 bonds which were issued in October 2006.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: If the refunding is completed, interest savings (on a net present value basis) are projected to be \$295,000.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None at this time. Once the bonds are sold, debt service will be budgeted over the life of the bonds (16 years).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, second by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Warren, German, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, Johnson, and Gawron

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2016-11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Commissioner Willie German, Jr. expressed concern regarding the water crisis in Flint, MI and wondered what we might do as a city to assist the City of Flint. City Manager Frank Peterson assured Commissioner German and the audience that city employees were planning a bottled water drive and there are many groups and organizations in the city doing the same.

Mayor Gawron thanked commissioners and department heads for a fun and productive goal setting meeting which took place earlier in the day.

City Engineer, Mohammed Al-Shatel, updated the City Commission with information he received from Consumer's Energy regarding upgrading street lights to LED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public Comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Commission adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Grimm
Deputy City Clerk