

**Muskegon County
Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee
April 9, 2020
3:30 p.m.
WebEx**

Charles Nash, Chair

Kenneth Mahoney, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Nash at 4:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth, Mahoney, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, II, Rillastine Wilkins

Also Present: Mark Eisenbarth, County Administrator; Kathy Tharp, Administrative Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Hovey-Wright, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2020, as written.

Roll Call:

Yes: Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Charles Nash

No: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (On an agenda item)

None.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

CD/SP20/04 – 04 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Foster, to approve the adoption of the License Agreement with Unity Christian Events/Alive On The Lakeshore to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing August 5-8, 2020 for the Unity Christian Music Festival, and to authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement

Roll Call:

Yes: I. John Snider, III, Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Kenneth Mahoney, Robert Scolnik, Charles Nash

No: None

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Hughes recommended as we move forward with WebEx that future Board meetings include only those people on the specific agenda be included on the video including Board members, Administration, Finance Director, Health Director, Corporate Counsel, and any other staff on the agenda. Once, the meeting moves to public comment, those people would also be added. Chairman Hughes also recommended to make the video feed available to all staff, directors, and the public and will work with IT Director Mr. Phillips to make this possible. Commissioner Nash and Commissioner Hovey-Wright agreed.

Commissioner Lahring inquired regarding the update from Administration regarding furloughs and layoffs of non-essential county employees. Administrator Eisenbarth advised that he would be addressing this at Full Board on Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

Commissioner Lahring made the motion to reduce all elected officials salaries by 50% until the COVID-19 issue is resolved. After discussion and corporate counsel input, the motion was not supported and failed.

Mr. Mark Eisenbarth, Muskegon County Administrator, addressed the building closure and Executive Order 2020-21 and recommended extending the closure through April 30, 2020. Administrator Eisenbarth will send a memorandum to staff regarding same.

CD/SP 20/04-05 It was moved by Chairman Hughes, supported by Commissioner Snider, to extend the building closures through April 30, 2020, and continue to pay employees until further order of the Board.

Roll Call:

Yes: Rillastine Wilkins, Gary Foster, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Kenneth Mahoney, Robert Scolnik, I. John Snider, III, Charles Nash

No: Zach Lahring

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Ann Derouin addressed the Board regarding Hackley Administration Building and WebEx.

FINAL BOARD COMMENT

Chairman Hughes made the comment that she believes the Board is making good progress regarding WebEx and hopes we will continue to make good progress.

Commissioner Snider commented that he wishes for everyone to stay safe.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.