

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen Kenny, Roger Zielinski, Robert Goodspeed, James Smith, Mark Wittlieff, Eric Gustad

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ed Cote

OTHERS PRESENT: Department Directors, City Attorney, City Engineer, Media and Public

Public Comments.

Bob Grabowski – Fix infrastructure in the City before putting any money into the peninsula district.

Discussion on Ad Hoc Street Committee Final Report. Committee members in attendance were Jeremy Nowak, Lynda Beaton, Bob Hornkohl, Joseph Maxey as well as Councilmembers that served on the committee. Finance Director Ed Bradford provided a PowerPoint presentation on the final report. The written report contains more detailed information and hard copies were provided to the Council and committee members. Provided update on state funding related to upcoming May 2015 vote to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales tax.

Committee Recommendations:

- Hybrid approach that uses multiple sources of revenue.
- Work to begin in the summer of 2015.
- Do not pursue millage at this time.
- Commit at least 80% of unobligated Oil & Gas contributions to the Capital Improvement Fund for streets.
- Consider greater amounts as obligations expire.
- Use 50% of unallocated fund reserves as a boost to funding in Year 1.
- Increase Oil & Gas spending rule allocation from 4% to 4.5% for up to five years to fund TIP.
- Commit at least 2% of the annual general fund budget to the TIP.

The Ad Hoc Street Committee acknowledged the hybrid approach does not generate sufficient funds, but it is a start.

Considerable discussion by Council and committee members. This is a place to start, all committee members did not agree on all of the recommendations. City staff needs to do a better job of educating the public on where funds are used on projects. Funding is complex and important and will be a large challenge for Council. Council appreciated the time and dedication

of the Ad Hoc Street Committee in meeting and preparing the report. The report will be placed on the City's website with a link on Facebook.

CONSENSUS: City Council will consider this report in conjunction with the annual budget process.

Discussion on Annual Strategic Plan Updates. Tamara Buswinka, Community Development Director of AES addressed Council on the City's Strategic Plan which has been in place since 2007 and updated every year. Now time to celebrate accomplishments and look at new priorities. Provided copies of the current plan and reviewed options for updating. Reviewed goals and strategies and criteria to evaluate the plan to see if plan is still relevant and reflective of strategic priorities and goals.

Next steps: Identify issues and opportunities, evaluate current strategies, create new goals and strategies. Discussion on what direction Council should take to fit this review into the budget process.

CONSENSUS: City Council provided direction to follow the option for stakeholder input in one or two sessions to tweak the plan. Stakeholders should be included in the process every three years and staff will review and update the list of stakeholders and work with the Alliance for Economic Success through this process.

Discussion on Peninsula District. City Manager Mitch Deisch and Planning & Zoning Administrator Denise Blakeslee continued discussion on the Peninsula District and provided a brief PowerPoint presentation on the background and timeline of these discussions. Also reviewed the Report of Planning Commission Findings previously provided to Council and zoning amendments (use by right v. special use) the Planning Commission are considering to encourage more commercial development in this district. Planning Commission will be working to identify sites for redevelopment at their next work session and is a component of the Redevelopment Ready Communities program.

CONSENSUS: Waiting for City Attorney opinion related to shipping before moving forward on Planning Commission recommendations. An Executive Session will be scheduled for the February 17, 2015 Council meeting to review the attorney opinion. Staff requested that Planning Commission be allowed to move forward on preparing amendment for remaining recommendations; Council agreed.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Mitchell D. Deisch, City Manager

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