

**MANISTEE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2019**

The Manistee City Council met in a work session on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Cooper, Lynda Beaton, Roger Zielinski, Jermaine Cipcic, Michael Szymanski, James Grabowski and Erin Pontiac

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager, Department Directors, Public, and Media

Public Comments: None

ANNUAL RRC BOARD & COMMISSION DISCUSSION TO IDENTIFY & PRIORITIZE REDEVELOPMENT SITES – Zoning Administrator Kyle Storey along with Planning and Zoning Director Rob Carson led the annual joint meeting for the City Council, Planning Commission, HDC, BRA, DDA and ZBA for the review of sites to be featured for redevelopment on Zoom Prospector through the State of Michigan RRC Program. The annual joint meeting is required by the State of Michigan for Redevelopment Ready Communities. Storey presented an explanation of the program, the entities involved and their specific roles. Carson explained that the City can compile an extensive list of proposed sites, however the State of Michigan website is only able to market 3-5 sites.

Reviewed 2019 Potential Development Sites prioritized through Project Rising Tide:

61 Filer St.
200 River St.
51 Ninth St.
319 - 321 River St.
346 River St.
440 River St.
Water/Oak/Pine/First Streets (5 parcels)
451 – 453 River St.
480 Water St.
Consumer Energy – Water St.
30 Arthur St.

Reviewed 2018 Sites:

House of Flavors – not available for sale
PNC Bank – sold and removed
Hotel Northern
Glik's – sold and removed

The following suggestions were received for potential redevelopment sites:

Music Vault, River St.
Parcel on corner of First and Cedar Streets

The Planning Department will be presenting an updated list of potential redevelopment sites after compiling nominations from all other boards within the community and the Planning Commission reviewing those sites. Marketing work with the Chamber will then begin on the new property cards.

DISCUSSION ON DDA TIF Plan – Councilmember Beaton led the Council discussion with DDA Director Berard and DDA Boardmember Goodman regarding the proposed DDA TIF Plan. Discussion included funding allocated for the West Shore Community College River Street property, the City Master Contract, economic development, DDA Director handling contract management, possible partnering with Filer Township DDA and DDA website compliance.

CONSENSUS: Council was pleased with the overall proposed TIF Plan Document and City Master Contract. The Plan will go to the full DDA Board on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 for approval. Council also asked for assurance that the DDA website will be State compliant by the end of 2019.

OTHER:

Mayor Zielinski reported that the City of Manistee recently received two public safety grants through the Revenue Sharing Grant Program: \$5,990 for the Police Department; \$7,720 for the Fire Department.

Manager Taylor reported that DPW Director Mikula met with the City's insurance adjuster regarding the most recent damage to the Riverwalk. The insurance company may provide some type of work toward protecting the Riverwalk from further future damage. Mikula will also meet later this month with the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the wave study which was previously conducted and how it relates to the shoreline erosion we are currently experiencing. Future budget discussions will include funding options to protect the shoreline from erosion.

Mayor Zielinski asked for an update of the damage to First St. Pier. Taylor stated that the Corps of Engineers hasn't decided how to proceed yet, but they will be visiting the site when they are here for the meeting with Mikula later this month.

Councilmember Pontiac asked for an update on the Resolution Declaring the Great Lakes Coast a Disaster Area. Taylor responded that this resolution will be on the next regular Council meeting agenda.

Councilmember Grabowski inquired about staffing in the Police Department.

Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Y Laurain
Deputy Clerk