

CITY OF WHITEHALL
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
Council Chambers
August 8, 2023

PRESENT: Scott Brown, Dick Connell, Keith Heidelberg, Jeff Holmstrom, Sean Mullally, Steve Salter, and Stephen Sikkenga

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Huebler, Will Meier, and Brook Schiller

Mayor Salter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Art Wall – Several council members commented that while art wall is positive, art is subjective. The rules and signage about the use of the space were not made clear enough for aspiring artists. Mayor Salter and most of the council felt that the experiment should continue, but the rules should be set with clear signage and limits on what areas may be painted.

North Mears Closure – Several council members commented that the downtown area needs more available public seating within the North Mears Promenade and the Social District sidewalks. Several ideas on how to open this area to for more usability and limit vehicle traffic were discussed. Staff was asked to provide cost estimates on different options.

Playground Fall Protection – City Manager Huebler led with costs for both engineered wood chips and poured in place options for the Splash Pad, and the differences in durability and maintenance. Mayer Salter would like to see the current rubber chips moved to other City parks and engineered chips put in place.

City Manager Review – Mayor Salter sent review input sheets to all council members via email.

Movies in the Park – This item was tabled as there was not enough time for discussion.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Landon Montgomery, owner of Mylan's, spoke about the North Mears closure plan and informed the council that current event closures hurt their business. He also felt that all businesses surrounding the lot should be asked for input prior to any changes. Crystal Davis commented on the North Mears closure, the chip options for the parks, and the art wall.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:57 P.M.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brook Schiller, Deputy City Clerk

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the agenda. All yeses

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the July 25 Council Meeting Minutes and July 27 Special Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable - \$330,913.52
- C. Communications: Art Wall Complaint Letter, BLT Minutes, Fire Authority Audit, Muskegon County Public Works Minutes

Motion by Connell, seconded by Sikkenga, CARRIED, to approve the Consent Agenda.
Yes – 6; No – 1, Brown; Absent – None

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Comments were received from the Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 6:06 pm.

Steven Salter, Mayor

Brook Schiller, Deputy City Clerk