



WHITEHALL

CITY COUNCIL

WORK SESSION MINUTES

Council Chambers

April 8, 2025

PRESENT Scott Brown, Tanya Cabala, Debi Hillebrand, Jeff Holmstrom, Stephen Sikkenga, Steve Salter, and Tom Ziemer

ABSENT None

ALSO PRESENT Brenda Bourdon, Nate Geinzer, Zach Szymanski

Mayor Salter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Kick-off for City Manager Search

Nate Geinzer of Double Haul Solutions led the council in developing a profile for the next City Manager.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were received from Tamara Horne.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the work session at 5:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk



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ALSO PRESENT Scott Huebler, Brenda Bourdon, Brennen Gorman, Roger Squiers, Brandon Mahoney, Brian Armstrong, Beth Beaman

Mayor Salter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion by Cabala, seconded by Hillebrand to approve the agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the March 25, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Accounts Payable \$197,749.93
- C. Communications: 2025 Capital Improvement Plan, Meet Your Treasurer Event, Muskegon County Public Works Meeting Minutes, Walk the Beat Letter

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote: All yeses

MOTION CARRIED

MESSAGES FROM THE MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER

Messages were received from Council members. Brian Armstrong, DPW Director, introduced new DPW employee Chase Switanowski and announced the promotion of Nolan Throne as Crew Leader. Chief Squiers announced the promotion of Brandon Mahoney to Chief effective June 1st upon Roger's retirement effective May 31st.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tamara Horne announced the electronics disposal event. Catchmark is seeking volunteers for NewsNet and SportsNet. Terry Hampel provided updates on Duck Creek, and Kevin Goff expressed support for the Playhouse.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Playhouse Committee Recommendations

Motion by Sikkenga, seconded by Holmstrom to approve the Playhouse Committee recommendations as presented.

Brown read three letters opposing city funding for the Playhouse. The letters will be included in the council packet for the record.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Sikkenga, Holmstrom, Ziemer, Hillebrand, Cabala, and Salter;
No – Brown; Absent – None

MOTION CARRIED

B. Muskegon Conservation District Proposal

Motion by Holmstrom, seconded by Sikkenga to approve the Muskegon Conservation District's Proposal to provide technical guidance and consultation for the design and planning of the Tannery Bay Conservation Easement Park project as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Holmstrom, Sikkenga, Cabala, Hillebrand, Ziemer, Brown, and Salter;
No – None; Absent – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments were received from Randy Powers regarding the barking dog ordinance; Kathy Russell, Frank Bednarek, Chris Mahoney, Amber Marks, Gary Kittridge, and Terry Hampel in support of the Playhouse; and Kevin Goff regarding the Hanson Hill Social District.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Salter adjourned the Council Meeting at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Bourdon, City Clerk