



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES October 23, 2024

The City Council met for a Workshop Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
City Hall
102 Butler St., Saugatuck, MI 49453.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stanton at 4:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Present: Mayor Stanton, Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin and Councilmembers Anderson, Clark, Dean and Gardner.

Absent: Muncey.

Others Present: City Manager Cummins, Attorney Chris Patterson, Attorney Trent Cunningham and Clerk Wolters.

Agenda Changes: None.

Guest Speakers: None.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: None.

Discussion Items:

Resolution 241028-A: Approval for On-Premises Tasting Room Permit for Noble Twist Tap House (246 Culver):

Wes Noble joined to discuss plans for a new brewery, winery, and distillery at 246 Culver Street. Over the past year, he and his partners secured special land use approval from the Planning Commission and Historic District approval for planned exterior improvements. A key step in their project is obtaining a liquor license from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. For this, the City must indicate its approval for the city council to review the license application.

Proposed Conservation Easement for Eastern Portion of Old Airport Property:

At the last workshop, the Council reviewed an initial draft of a conservation easement, which provided an opportunity to ask questions of David Nyitray from the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC). This allowed Council members to provide feedback for ODC and City staff to consider moving forward. During the previous meeting, ODC had highlighted a few areas for possible
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language adjustments. Their attorneys have since revised the draft and returned it to us. Both City legal counsel and Chris Patterson reviewed it, with Patterson suggesting some additional redline edits. While most changes were accepted by ODC, a few raised concerns based on long-term plans and available funding resources for the property.

Public Comments:

Mark Klungle, Water Street: – noted that based on the airport property there is a need for clear communication with the public about project goals, funding, and impacts on the community.

Correspondence: None.

Council Comments:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Baldwin: None.
- Councilmember Anderson: Welcomed councilmember Clark. She attended the school board meeting and thought it was well done, a great interview process and deliberations were best in class in terms of listening and offering thoughtful feedback to one another.
- Councilmember Clark: Thanked city council for making him feel welcome as part of council. Thanked city staff for providing helpful information. Ryan took time to go over details about the meeting. The city is fortunate to have such dedicated and talented staff serving the community.
- Councilmember Dean: None.
- Councilmember Gardner: None.
- Mayor Stanton: Attended the Rotary Club, they generously donated \$10,000 to the City of Saugatuck. These funds will go toward treating the invasive Eurasian watermilfoil in the harbor. It's inspiring to see the Rotary Club, through the Venetian Festival, dedicating their fundraising efforts to environmental causes that benefit our community directly. This contribution truly reflects a combined effort—our ticket purchases and local business donations helped make this possible.
Corks and Forks event is on December 5 at the Ivy House, supporting the Boys and Girls Club. This club has a significant presence in our area, with strong participation from local students. Events like *Corks and Forks* directly benefit our community's youth, and it's fantastic that we'll be able to give back in this way. Thank you again for all your support

Adjournment:

Motion by Anderson, second by Dean to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Stanton adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Jamie Wolters, City Clerk