

*Thursday, March 10, 2011
Michigan Tile & Carpet, Community Room
7-9:00 p.m.*

1. Call to Order / Time Convened: 7:00 p.m.

2. Attendance: All present signed in? Yes

Members: Cynde Foster, Susanne Moreno-Thurman, Phyllis Hopkins, Joel Fulton, Ward 4 City Commissioner Elizabeth Fulton

Absent: see excused.

Excused: Gloria Russo, Kirk Scott, Vice Mayor Chris Simmons, Trudy Hall, Tim Conlogue
City Officials: Susan Bedsole, Mayor Susan Baldwin

Guests: Jim Baldwin, Dana Booker – proprietor of the The Hair Room

3. Addition or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

4. Approval of the Previous Minutes: No quorum present.

5. Correspondence and Announcements: None

6. Speakers: None

7. City Staff Reports:

- a. Golden Service Reports: Code Report: Susan Bedsole – Property surveys were started on 3/7/2011. We were asked what expectations do we have from our police officer reports at our meetings. Consensus was that we were interested in specific crime trends in our area as well as specific hot spots.
- b. Police Department: Officers Gancer and Wilt were present. Informed us that officers were still doubled up in patrol cars with a 35% savings in gasoline.

Committee Reports:

- a. Commissioner Reports: Mayor: Spoke about the work session on Wednesday morning March 9, 2011. Discussed the following topics: 1. County 911 Dispatch and how to equitably fund it across all jurisdictions. 2. Fire Department CPR Compression machine to be purchased from contingency funds at a cost of \$82000. 3. Local Preference Policy – sees a lot of pitfalls and potential liability and would rather see effective training programs on training local small business to more effectively apply for and obtain bids. Proposed policy would not have increased the awarding of bids to local business in the last five years so the proposed ordinance would not accomplish anything based on past history. Commissioner Fulton echoed each of these sentiments.
 - b. Schools: None
 - c. Membership (new additions/deletions): None
 - d. Beautiful Battle Creek Award: 126 Surby – Oscar & Bertha Avila
 - e. Businesses – Dana Booker of The Hair Room spoke of the need to change the sign ordinance to allow for sandwich sidewalk signs in all commercial districts, not just the downtown district. Not asking for special treatment, just equal treatment. She presented over 48 signatures of businesses on the Capital Corridor who are in favor of this change. These signatures were presented to the Mayor and Commissioner Fulton said she has been in favor of this change for some time.
8. Old Business to be finalized:
9. New Business: Signage on Capital Corridor.

10. New Business for Future Meetings: None

11. Public /Guest Comments? None

12. Members Comments?

13. Adjournment (Time 8:00 pm) BY: Susanne Moreno-Thurman, 2nd by Cynde Foster

14. Next Meeting: April 14, 2011, Michigan Tile & Carpet, Community Room, 99 East Columbia Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49015