

**HUDSONVILLE CITY COMMISSION**  
**City Commission Minutes**

January 23, 2018

Mayor Northrup called a Work Session of the Hudsonville City Commission to order on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Northrup, Commissioners Brandsen, Bolhuis, Leerar, City Manager Waterman, Larry Fleis (Fleis & VandenBrink), Don DeVries (Fleis & VandenBrink) and City Clerk VanSlyke.

Absent: Commissioners Holtrop, Raterink and Steigenga.

8961. *Discussion with Fleis & VandenBrink.*

Mayor Northrup reviewed with the City Commission the 90 day delay of the completion of the Woonerf project and details of the liquidated damages clause in the contract with Fleis & VandenBrink. Larry Fleis and Don DeVries from Fleis & VandenBrink detailed several of the delays in the project. The initial bids that came in were considerably higher than anticipated and as a result the city contracted with Fleis & VandenBrink's construction division which resulted in a cost savings. The aggressive schedule and unreliable subcontractors were attributed to being part of the reason for the delay. There were delays with the utility companies that required easements and relocating lines. The decorative concrete required smaller pours than anticipated and as a result took longer to complete. There were several delays as a result of the splash pad that was delivered late and Fleis & VandenBrink had to bring in a new electrician to finally complete the job. Larry Fleis stated that if given the opportunity to work on Phase 2 of the Harvey Street Woonerf project he would like to improve communication and break the project in two parts so that effected business would be less disrupted. The Commission agreed on a settlement of liquidated damages in the amount of \$6,000 and would pay the differences in the construction costs as outlined in City Manager Waterman's memo.

Mayor Northrup reviewed with the City Commission that MDOT denied the M-121 Underpass project. The city has paid in excess of \$100,000 in engineering costs and were looking for clarification on what went wrong with this project. Don DeVries stated that they were led to believe that they would receive approval from MDOT. They had been asked to submit surveys, plans for lighting and construction plans for the project. Waterman discussed reaching out to MDOT and trying to discover the reason for the denial.

8962. *Fire Truck 1322 Discussion.*

City Manager Waterman reviewed with the City Commission the memo provided by Chief Mohr. The Commission discussed whether to buy a new truck or have truck 1322 refurbished. It is the Commission's goal to have safe equipment for the Fire Department and felt that this goal will be achieved through refurbishing. The Commission agreed to continue with plans to refurbish Fire Truck 1322.

8963. *Review of Strategic Plan Final Draft.*

City Manager Waterman reviewed with the City Commission the final draft of the Strategic Plan. There was a request to change section 5.5.1, seeking opportunities to install electric vehicle charging stations in our community from expected completion at year 5 to Ongoing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

8964. Motion by Northrup, seconded by Leerar, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

All aye, motion carried.

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Diana VanSlyke  
City Clerk

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Mayor Northrup