

Mayor Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Flanagan, Humphrey, Lijewski, Robertson

Absent: Price

Staff Present: City Manager Watson, City Clerk; Amy Fidler

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the agenda with the addition of a discussion item Social District Map submitted by Ben Smock:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve the Consent agenda:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Public Comment:

Ben Smock

Gary Wood

New Business

Special Event Application- New Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau Concert: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the Special Event Application for the New Buffalo Convention & Visitors Bureau Concert at the city's Transient Marina:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Lijewski, Robertson, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Amendments: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the recommended budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2023 budget:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Lijewski, Robertson, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Board Appointment (Library): Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the recommended appointment of Peter Sagala to the library board with the term ending in November 2024:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Appointment of Hearing Officer: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve appointing Matt Davis, or a representative of Wightman and Associates in his absence, to serve as the Dangerous Buildings Hearing Officer for the City of New Buffalo:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP) Resolution: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Lijewski to approve the submittal of the Revitalization and Placemaking Grant application for the pedestrian bridge project:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Discussion: Dee Dee Duhn Plaque

Closed Session: Motion by Council member Lijewski, seconded by Council member Flanagan to approve going into closed session under MCL 15.268 of the Open Meetings Act section 8 (e) to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection Laura Murray vs. City of New Buffalo at 7:11 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Mayor Humphrey stated the City Council is reconvening to open session at 7:19 p.m.

Motion by Flanagan, seconded by Robertson to approve the recommended settlement from the City Attorney and authorize the City Manager to sign any necessary documents:

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Flanagan, Robertson, Lijewski, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

Adjournment: Motion by Council member Flanagan, seconded by Council member Robertson to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Robertson, Lijewski, Flanagan, Humphrey

NAYES:

ABSENT: Price

ABSTAINED:

Motion Carried, 4-0.

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John Humphrey, Mayor

Ann M. Fidler, City Clerk