

City of Allegan
City Council Study Session Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 P.M
City Council Chambers, 231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan, MI 49010

I. Call to order

Mayor Andrus called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. It should be noted the meeting was being held via Zoom Meeting link <https://zoom.us/j/92050448892> via Public Act 228 of 2020

II. Public Comments

Let the record show no public comment was offered.

III. Discussion regarding Downtown Refuse Program

Downtown & Promotion Manager, Parker Johnson provided a presentation to the Council regarding the proposed Downtown Refuse Program. Staff has been having conversations with the Public Works staff, local businesses to address the current garbage containment and collections process in Downtown Allegan. Throughout discussion with City Attorney and Republic Services, staff has created a program to standardize trash containers of all types, regular and shared dumpsters to introduce an ordinance to establish a uniform collection program. The goal of this program is to better organize how trash is collected for the City while the same time introduce equal and fairer cost of trash collection to business owners in the downtown.

A general discussion ensued regarding the Refuse Program. Council thanked Johnson for the presentation.

IV. Discussion regarding Griswold Assessment and Next Steps

Downtown & Promotion Manager, Parker Johnson provided a presentation to the Council regarding the Griswold Auditorium Assessment. It should be noted Tony McGhee, Abonmarche was also present for the presentation. Staff has held a community input open house and has created a document that includes capital improvement, ideas for increased programming and alternative options for the future management.

A general discussion ensued regarding the Griswold Auditorium Facilities Assessment. Council thanked Johnson for the presentation.

V. Discussion regarding Positively Allegan Rebrand

Downtown & Promotion Manager, Parker Johnson provided a presentation to the Council regarding Positively Allegan Rebranding. The Positively Allegan board voted unanimously to

rebrand as Downtown Allegan for all marketing and promotion purposes, using the newly developed Downtown Allegan logo as seen on materials used for the social districts.

A general discussion ensued regarding the Positively Allegan Rebranding. Council thanked Johnson for the presentation.

VI. Review of Council – Agenda

Mayor Andrus reviewed the Council meeting agenda for March 8, 2021.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Andrus adjourned the meeting at 6:58 P.M.

Minutes submitted by: Christopher Tapper, MMC & MACEO
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