

CITY OF MUSKEGON

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

NOVEMBER 24, 2009

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS @ 5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

The Regular Commission Meeting of the City of Muskegon was held at City Hall, 933 Terrace Street, Muskegon, Michigan at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

Mayor Warmington opened the meeting with a prayer from Pastor Tim Cross from the Living Word Church of Muskegon after which the Commission and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL FOR THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

Present: Mayor Stephen Warmington, Vice Mayor Stephen Gawron, Commissioners Clara Shepherd, Lawrence Spataro, Sue Wierengo, and Steve Wisneski, City Manager Bryon Mazade, City Attorney John Schrier, and City Clerk Ann Marie Becker.

Absent: Commissioner Chris Carter (excused).

2009-96 CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes. CITY CLERK

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To approve minutes for the November 9th Commission Worksession, and the November 10th Regular Commission Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the minutes.

B. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance - Modify "Exempt Signs". PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Staff initiated request to amend Section 2334, #5 (f) (Signs) of Article XXIII to modify "Exempt Signs".

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to modify the "Exempt Sign" language.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request at their November 12th meeting. The vote was unanimous with B. Smith absent.

(Requires Second Reading).

C. Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance - Article II, Definitions.
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Staff initiated request to amend Article II, Definitions, to modify the definition for "mezzanine".

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to modify the definition for "mezzanine".

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request at their November 12th meeting. The vote was unanimous with B. Smith absent.

(Requires Second Reading).

D. Towing Contract. PUBLIC SAFETY

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Public Safety staff requests that the Commission extend the current towing agreement with Campbell Towing, 2462 Getty Street through October 31, 2010. This extension was provided for in the original agreement that was authorized in January of this year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of this request.

Motion by Commissioner Spataro, second by Commissioner Wierengo to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Gawron, Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, and Wisneski

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2009-97 NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moratorium on Fees for 2010 Vacant Buildings. PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Request to approve a moratorium on fee's charged to owners of vacant buildings that are entering their second years billing cycle in

2010. Eligibility for the moratorium of fee would be determined based on certain criteria included on the staff memo.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Exact amount unknown but should be minimal.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of a fee moratorium for vacant building invoices meeting the approved criteria.

Motion by Vice Mayor Gawron, second by Commissioner Wierengo to approve the moratorium on fees for the 2010 vacant buildings.

Motion amended by Vice Mayor Gawron, second by Commissioner Wierengo to include in the language of item #5 that the property has been listed for sale or lease.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, Wierengo, Wisneski, and Gawron

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Various comments were heard.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Commission Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk