

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
June 13, 2016
Smith Ryerson Park
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2016-48

Present: Commissioners German, Hood, Gawron, Johnson, Turnquist, Rinsema-Sybenga, and Warren.

Absent: None.

Budget Review.

The proposed 2016/2017 budget was reviewed department by department. Commissioners asked for clarification on some items and explanations were given. A public hearing on the budget will be held on June 14, 2016.

The City Manager presented several revenue sources the city could implement. The possibilities include:

Rental space at City Hall

Providing additional services to other agencies for a fee

Creating a Public Safety Authority, Parks Authority, or Building Authority

Parking fees at Pere Marquette Park and/or Kruse Park for non-residents

Development of a temporary food and retail event at Pere Marquette Park

Registration of vacation rentals with fees dedicated to Pere Marquette Park

Increase fees in 2017 for Farmers Market

Allowing the sale of alcohol in support of Farmers Market projects

Selling naming rights at the LC Walker Arena

Consider changing the way certain services are paid for

Consider increasing the income tax and reducing the property tax

Consider a special assessment for street lighting

Bond sale

Reorganization of workforce

Consider updating and readopting fiscal policies as ordinances vs. resolutions

Sewer rate increase

Additional discussion took place about a potential streetlight assessment.

The Commission will take the suggestions into consideration for discussion at a future meeting.

Adjournment.

Motion by Hood, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC
City Clerk