

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
May 10, 2010
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

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Present: Commissioners Warmington, Wisneski, Carter, Wierengo, Shepherd, and Spataro.

Absent: Vice Mayor Gawron.

Liquor License Request for RND Entertainment, Inc. of 1635 Beidler.

RND Entertainment, Inc. is requesting to drop space and add two new direct connection permits to the 2009 Class C & SDM licensed business with dance-entertainment permits.

Motion by Commissioner Spataro, seconded by Commissioner Wisneski to approve the liquor license request from RND Entertainment, Inc. to drop space and add 2 (two) new direct connection permits to the 2009 Class C & SDM licensed business with dance-entertainment permits. The direct connections are to allow access into a smoke shop that will be attached to this building.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Wisneski, Carter, Shepherd, Spataro, Warmington, and Wierengo.

Nays: None.

MOTION PASSES

Marijuana Facilities Moratorium.

A resolution will be presented to the City Commission at its meeting on May 11, 2010 to pass a six month moratorium on medical marijuana facilities so that staff can prepare an ordinance concerning the permitted location and regulation of these facilities.

Staff gave an explanation and cited the need for more time to investigate the law.

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Cathy Brubaker-Clarke, Planning and Economic Development Director, presented a proposed incentive package to developers. Businesses that locate in certain industrial parks and create at least twenty-five new full-time jobs will be eligible for a tax free Renaissance Zone and reduced water and sewer utility costs.

The Planning Department will be marketing this new venture.

Invest in Muskegon

Ann Marie Becker, City Clerk, presented a proposal from the Public Relations Committee to create an award titled *Invest in Muskegon*. This award will acknowledge those individuals who have made visible improvements to a structure within the City. Homes and businesses may be nominated by anyone with final determination by the Public Relations Committee.

Veridian Drive Extension.

Plans were presented for the proposed Veridian Drive extension. Grand Valley State University will pay for the extension costs and the City will pay for in-house design and construction management as well as the extension of the water main and long-term maintenance of the roadway.

Any Other Business.

Bryon Mazade, City Manager, presented a letter from the Michigan Department of Transportation regarding the traffic signal at Apple Avenue and Jefferson Street. Estimated costs to maintain the light is \$110,000 as well as future maintenance costs of \$1,032 and energy costs of \$150. Citing costs factors, the Commission reluctantly agreed that the City can not pay for the traffic signal. Stop signs will be placed on Jefferson Street.

Adjournment.

Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn at 6:03 p.m.

MOTION PASSES

**Ann Marie Becker, MMC
City Clerk**