

City of Muskegon  
City Commission Worksession  
August 10, 2009  
City Commission Chambers  
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2009-68

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

Absent: None.

**Muskegon Conservation District.**

The Muskegon Conservation District is asking to utilize Richards Park site for development of the District's office and a community natural resource center. A conceptual vertical profile of the facility and a footprint was presented.

The Commission expressed their enthusiasm for the project.

The Mayor suggested that another meeting be held to study the full scope of the project.

**Bethany Housing PILOT.**

Recent changes in State law will require that programs such as Bethany Housing be subject to property taxes.

The Commission indicated they would not be favorable of issuing a PILOT to existing housing programs citing the number of units currently available.

**Charter Ballot Questions.**

The questions will be listed on the ballot in the following order:

1. Charter amendment providing for changing the dates for submission of the budget and adoption of budget by City Commission shall be established by ordinance.
2. Charter amendment allowing City Commission to change fiscal year by ordinance.
3. Charter amendment to eliminate the Charter-provided date by which the annual appropriation resolution needs to be adopted.
4. Charter amendment to provide that the composition, sessions and regulations of Board of Review would be as provided by law.
5. Charter amendment to eliminate primaries for Mayor and City Commission.
6. Charter amendment to repeal the provisions dealing with Civil Service.

**Motion by Commissioner Spataro, seconded by Vice Mayor Gawron to list the charter questions in the order as listed above.**

***ROLL CALL VOTE:***

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

**Nays: None.**

***MOTION PASSES.***

**Budget Worksession Date – September 9 or 10?**

It was decided that the budget worksession will be held on September 9 at 5:30 p.m.

**Any Other Business.**

**Temporary Liquor License Fricano's**

**Motion by Commissioner Shepherd, seconded by Commissioner Wierengo to approve the temporary liquor license for Fricano's, 1050 W. Western Avenue, for Saturday, August 22, 2009.**

***ROLL CALL VOTE:***

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

**Nays: None.**

***MOTION PASSES.***

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.**

***MOTION PASSES***

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**Ann Marie Becker, MMC  
City Clerk**