

CITY OF MUSKEGON

CITY COMMISSION MEETING

JULY 12, 2016

CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS @ 5:30 P.M.

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The Regular Commission Meeting of the City of Muskegon was held at City Hall, 933 Terrace Street, Muskegon, MI at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

Pastor Melvin C. Burns, II, Agape Christian Fellowship Center, opened the meeting with prayer, after which the Commission and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL FOR THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING:

Present: Mayor Stephen Gawron, Commissioners Debra Warren, Willie German, Jr., Dan Rinsema-Sybenga, and Byron Turnquist, City Manager Franklin Peterson, City Attorney John Schrier, and City Clerk Ann Meisch.

Absent: Vice Mayor Eric Hood

Late Arrival: Commissioner Ken Johnson

2016-58 CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes City Clerk

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: To approve minutes of the June 28, 2016 Regular City Commission Meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, second by Commissioner Warren, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of Item B.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Warren, German, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, Johnson, and Gawron

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2016-59 ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

B. Purchase of 14 Electronic Pollbooks City Clerk

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: The laptops that host the electronic pollbook are

approximately five years old and are showing their age. We would like to purchase new laptops for the 14 precincts and use the existing laptops as back-ups in case of computer failure. These computers retail for \$1000 and offered through government purchasing for \$700 but IT was able to negotiate a \$600 per laptop price.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$8,400 from the Election Budget.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: This is a budgeted item.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To approve the purchase of 14 laptops from Dell through the government purchasing contract.

Motion by Commissioner Johnson, second by Commissioner German, to approve the purchase of 14 laptops from Dell through the government purchasing contract.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Warren, German, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, Johnson, and Gawron

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

2016-60 PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A. Request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate – Production Fabricators Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Pursuant to Public Act 198 of 1974, as amended, Production Fabricators, Inc., 1608 Creston St., has requested the issuance of an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate. The total capital investment will be \$850,000 in personal property and will create five new jobs. This qualifies them for a tax abatement of 12 years under the current City policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The City will capture certain additional property taxes generated by the expansion.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the resolution granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a term of twelve (12) years for personal property.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED: Public comments were received.

Motion by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, second by Commissioner German, to close the public hearing and approve the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a term of twelve years for personal property.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: German, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, Johnson, Gawron, and Warren

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

B. Request to Create a New Neighborhood Enterprise Zone District at 316 Morris Street Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Pursuant to Public Act 147 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1992, the Hinman Company has requested to create a new Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) district for the parcel at 316 Morris St. for a residential addition to the 7th floor of the Terrace Plaza building.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For those properties that are approved for a NEZ Certificate, taxation will be levied using half of the State average of millages of local entities.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To hold the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED: No public comments were received.

Motion by Commissioner Warren, second by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, to close the public hearing.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Warren, German, Rinsema-Sybenga, Turnquist, Johnson, and Gawron

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

C. Request to Create a New Neighborhood Enterprise Zone District at 965 W. Western Avenue & 920 Washington Avenue Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Pursuant to Public Act 147 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1992, the P&G Holdings NY LLC has requested to create a new Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) district for a residential addition to the Watermark.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For those properties that are approved for a NEZ Certificate, taxation will be levied using half of the State average of millages of local entities.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: To hold the public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED: Public comments were received.

Motion by Commissioner German, second by Commissioner Johnson, to close the public hearing.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Turnquist, Johnson, Gawron, Warren, German, and Rinsema-Sybenga

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

D. Request to Establish an Obsolete Property District – 920 Washington Avenue Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Pursuant to Public Act 146 of the Michigan Public Acts of 2000, P&G Holdings NY LLC, has requested the establishment of an Obsolete Property District for their property at 920 Washington Ave. The establishment of the Obsolete Property District would allow them to apply for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Obsolete Property District.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED: Public comments were received.

Motion by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, second by Commissioner German, to close the public hearing and approve the Obsolete Property District.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Johnson, Gawron, Warren, German, Rinsema-Sybenga, and Turnquist

Nays: None

MOTION PASSES

E. Request to Issue an Obsolete Property Certificate – P & G Holdings NY, LLC – 920 Washington Avenue Planning & Economic Development

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: Pursuant to Public Act 146 of the Michigan Public Acts of 2000, P&G Holdings NY, LLC has requested the issuance of an Obsolete Property Certificate for their property located at 920 Washington Ave. Total capital investment for this project is estimated at \$13,000,000. The applicant is eligible for a 12-year abatement because of the amount of investment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: If an Obsolete Property Certificate is issued, the property would be frozen at the pre-habilitated rate for the duration of the certificate.

BUDGET ACTION REQUIRED: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENCED: Public comments were received.

Motion by Commissioner Rinsema-Sybenga, second by Commissioner Johnson, to close the public hearing and approve the Obsolete Property District.

ROLL VOTE: Ayes: Gawron, Warren, German, Rinsema-Sybenga, and Johnson.

Nays: Turnquist

MOTION PASSES

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public Comments were received.

ADJOURNMENT: The City Commission adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC, City Clerk