

CITY OF MUSKEGON CITY COMMISSION WORKSESSION

Monday, May 11, 2020
5:30 p.m.
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

2020-26

Present: Mayor Stephen Gawron, Vice Mayor Hood, and Commissioners Emory, Johnson, Rinsema-Sybenga, German, and Ramsey.

Tax Incentive Policy and Guidelines

The Tax Incentive Committee has created a policy document for Commission approval that reflects the findings and recommendations in the previously reviewed committee report.

In an effort to standardize and control the rate and term of tax abatements granted in the City of Muskegon, the Tax Incentive Committee (comprised of staff from Economic Development, Planning, and Finance) has created a policy to guide our recommendations to the City Commission when tax abatements are requested. This system incentivizes companies that reflect community goals and values, while keeping Muskegon competitive in the region for attraction and expansion of business base.

This item will be considered by the City Commission at the May 12, 2020 meeting.

Parking Enforcement Ordinance

Staff is seeking approval to amend the current parking ordinances 92-71 and 92-73; Chapter 92, Article V of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Muskegon to include parking restrictions and enforcements for public beach parking. In addition, abandoned vehicle language (L05) was added to restrict vehicles parked longer than 48 hours on city streets.

This item will be considered by the City Commission at the May 12, 2020 meeting.

Temporary Modification to MERS Benefit Provisions

The City Finance department is requesting a Temporary Modification to the MERS Benefit Provisions for the Defined Benefit employees. This provision would temporarily lower the number of hours an employee would have to work during the month to earn service credit to accommodate those employees taking part in the Work Share furlough.

Currently employees need to work 150 hours per month to receive service credit for their defined benefit pension. This modification would allow an employee to work 126 hours and still receive service credit for the month. Additionally, this would allow for hazard pay and essential duty pay to be pensionable. The temporary provision would be in effect from March 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

This item will be considered by the City Commission at the May 12, 2020 meeting.

4th of July Fireworks

There was discussion regarding the feasibility of having a city sponsored fireworks display, what that might look like, and whether or not the city should move forward with an event.

The Work Session meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC – City Clerk