

City of Muskegon
City Commission Worksession
May 9, 2016
City Commission Chambers
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2016-36

Present: Commissioners German (left at 6:00 pm), Hood (left at 8:15 pm), Gawron, Johnson, Turnquist (left at 8:45 pm), Rinsema-Sybenga (left at 8:00 pm), and Warren.

Absent: None.

Revenues.

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

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

Sewer Fund

The sewer fund has not kept pace with the increases from the Muskegon County Wastewater.

This year the City also lost a significant sewer customer. As such, staff is requesting approximately 20% increase in the sewer rates.

The Commission will consider this request at the upcoming budget hearing.

Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. due to lack of a quorum.

Ann Marie Meisch, MMC
City Clerk