

Special City Commission Meeting  
July 10, 2017

Mayor Mark J. Warba called the special meeting of the City Commission to order 8:00 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Lynn Anderson, Tom Hogenson, Lorraine James and Dan Rothstein; Mayor Mark J. Warba; City Attorney Eric Williams; City Manager Mark Gifford and City Treasurer Aaron Kuhn.

Absent: None

There was no one in the audience.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

The City Commission received a request from Patricia Jarret and George Heartwell from the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly (MRWA) for a charitable gaming license. This organization would like to put on an event at the Ed Henning Park in Newaygo on September 23, 2017. They are catching sturgeon before the lamprey kill and then are releasing approximately 10-20 sponsored fish on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. At this event, they would like to raffle off a Kayak as a fundraiser. Ms. Jarret just found out from the State of Michigan that she needed to obtain a charitable gaming license from the local government in order to have a raffle.

The reason for this special meeting is because the MRWA would not have enough time to obtain their raffle permit from the State of Michigan if they waited for approval at the July 17<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting. The permit from the State will take at least 6-8 weeks.

The City Commission has approved charitable gaming licenses in the past for several different organizations.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-97**

**LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION  
FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES**

At a special meeting of the City of Big Rapids Council called to order by Mayor Warba on July 10, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. the following resolution was offered:

Moved by Commissioner Anderson and supported by Commissioner Rothstein that the request from the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly of Big Rapids County of Mecosta, asking that they be recognized as a non-profit organization operating in the

community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

APPROVAL

Yeas: Anderson, Hogenson, James  
Rothstein, Warba

Nays: None

Absent: None

DISAPPROVAL

Yeas: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

---

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the City Commission at a special meeting held on July 10, 2017.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Tamyra K. Gillis, City Clerk  
226 N. Michigan Avenue, Big Rapids, MI 49307

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

There being no further comments to come before the City Commission, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Mark J. Warba

\* \* \* \* \*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tamyra K. Gillis, City Clerk