

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 23, 2015, at 7:02 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Holton called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Holton and Vice Mayor Rautanen; Commissioners Joslin(7:03), Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Public Works Director John Zang introduced newly hired Street Maintenance Specialist Aaron Gruss.

Jim Bruckbauer, Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities' gave a presentation on potential Ann Arbor to Traverse City passenger train service.

Discussion ensued.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Damian Fisher, 215 W. Broadway St., spoke in support of special assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-16.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Historic District Commission Minutes. (September and October)
3. Downtown Development Board Minutes. (September)
4. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes. (October)
5. Resignation of Kathy Hill from the Principal Shopping District Board (DDB).

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held November 9, 2015.
2. Bid of Michigan CAT of Novi, Michigan in the amount of \$61,135 for the purchase of a mobile electric generator.
3. Bid of Seven Brothers Painting, Inc. of Shelby Twp., Michigan in the amount of \$19,900 for Clarifier #1 partial repainting and rehabilitation.
4. Authorize Human Resources Director to sign a two-year contract with McLaren of Central Michigan for professional oversight and administration of the City's HealthSteps Wellness Program at the annual rate of \$20,470.
5. Authorize Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl to sign a contract with AIG, for health insurance stop loss coverage at the rate of \$53.07 per month for single coverage and \$143.94 per month for family coverage with a \$150,000 deductible.
6. Resolution in Support of the 2015 Le Frost Cross Bicycle Race as follows:
WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan is dedicated to providing quality community services to the area it serves; and
WHEREAS, community leadership and involvement through partnerships with community organizations is a crucial element in the accomplishment of that mission; and
WHEREAS, the Mid Michigan Cycling Club and Revolution Cycling Club are hosting a community and county wide event entitled "Le Frost Cross," as part of a series of community and pro-racing bicycling events and on December 12th of 2015 wishes to partner with the City of Mt. Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant wishes to partner with the Mid Michigan Cycling Club and Revolution Cycling Club to provide a positive economic impact in the county and surrounding area, and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant will be named as additional insured and shall indemnify and keep indemnified its officers, commission members, and employees from all claims, suits, and judgments, through insurance coverage from USA Cycling,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Mid Michigan Cycling Club and Revolution Cycling Club are formally expressing their desire to work together and partner to host "Le Frost Cross" bicycling event to be held on the 12th of December in 2015.

7. Resolution in Support of Final Approval of TCO 9-2015 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 9-2015:

Sign removals and sign installation for 2015 Bellows Street Recycled Rubber Modified Asphalt Overlay Project. Signs to be removed and installed on Bellows Street from Mission Street to Isabella Road:

1. Remove 8 no parking signs.
2. Remove 21 no parking during school hours signs.
3. Install 18 no parking signs.
4. Install 20 bike lane signs.
5. Install 2 "ENDS" signs (for bike lane ends).
6. Install 2 "SHARE THE ROAD" signs (for bike lane ends).

Said Traffic Control Order was presented to the City Commission on November 23, 2015, for review and after reviewing said control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves Traffic Control Order No. 9-2015 as a permanent traffic control order.

8. Amend contract with Michigan Consulting and Environmental of Mt. Pleasant, MI in the amount of \$9,900 to complete the monitoring required for the removal of the underground storage tanks.
9. Payrolls dated November 6, 2015 and warrants dated November 3, 4, 10 and 12, 2015 all totaling \$830,938.37.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on mosquito control.

Jessica Bean, Mt. Pleasant resident; Anja Mueller, CMU Faculty and Megan Barber, Mt. Pleasant resident, sent e-mail correspondence in opposition of mosquito control and contract with APM Mosquito Control. Lane Demas, 1112 Kent Dr. and Tim Maness, 603 Hopkins, sent e-mail correspondence in support of mosquito control and contract with APM Mosquito Control. Rachel Cromell, Mt. Pleasant resident, sent e-mail correspondence in support of storm drain treatment but not airborne application of mosquito control and contract with APM Mosquito Control. Christine Mocny, 1344 North Dr., sent e-mail correspondence stating questions and concerns on mosquito control and contract with APM Mosquito Control.

Nancy Robinson, 1016 S. Kinney; Michael LeValley, Isabella Conservation District and Carey Pauquette, 219 E. Bennett, spoke in opposition of mosquito control and contract with APM Mosquito Control. Sharon Tilmann, 306 Andre, spoke in support of mosquito control and contract with APM Mosquito Control.

There being no additional comments or correspondence, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Joslin to reject the bids and provide no mosquito control for 2016.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Ling and Sous

NAYS: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Rautanen and Verleger

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to accept the bid of APM Mosquito Control of Armada, Michigan for mosquito control in the City of Mt. Pleasant for 2016 in an amount not-to-exceed \$85,221.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Rautanen and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioners Joslin, Ling and Sous
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to allocate \$30,000 of the neighborhood block grant fund for the purchase and installation of a fence along the Wood Street right-of-way.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioners Joslin
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

The following Resolution No. 5 for Special Assessment District No. 1-16 was offered by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Commission has met after due and legal notice and reviewed the special assessment roll to provide for funding for the Principal Shopping District, in the City, Special Assessment District No. 1-16;

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons interested therein and after carefully reviewing the special assessment roll,

WHEREAS, the City Commission and the Principal Shopping District Board held a Special Meeting on November 19 to discuss the proposed uses of the funds from the special assessment and were able to give further direction on specific items without changing the total dollar amount of the proposed assessment,

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems said special assessment roll to be fair, just and equitable and that each of the assessments contained thereon are in accordance with the benefits to be derived by each parcel of land assessed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll as prepared by the City Assessor, in the amount of \$115,500 per year for the years of 2016 and 2017 is hereby confirmed.
2. Said special assessment roll will be one annual installment per year, which will be billed semiannually. The billings will be on July 1 and December 1 of the years 2016 and 2017.
3. No interest will be charged on the unbilled balance of said special assessment roll.
4. The City Clerk is directed to attach his warrant to a certified copy of this resolution within ten (10) days after its adoption requesting the Assessor to spread and the Treasurer to collect the sums and amounts as directed by the Commission.
5. The City Clerk is directed to endorse the date of confirmation on the roll.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to approve the following appointments to Boards and Commissions and recommended by the Appointments Committee:

Airport Advisory Board
Sam Staples

Term Expires:
December 31, 2018

Board of Review

David Prout

December 31, 2016

City/CMU Student Liaison Committee

Rick Rautanen

December 31, 2018

(Mt. Pleasant Business Representative)

TIFA/DDA

Bradley Wahr

December 31, 2019

Planning Commission

Mike Kostrzewa

Downtown Development Board

Curt Ritchey

Richard Swindlehurst

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Sous to postpone appointments to the Planning Commission and Downtown Development Board until December 14th City Commission meeting. Motion unanimously adopted.

Consider original motion to approve appointments excluding Planning Commission and Downtown Development Board. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Kulick to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of a City employee as requested by that employee.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and asked if there have been any problems with snow removal so far.

City Manager Ridley announced that overnight parking restrictions start December 1st. She also announced that there are still openings for the 2016 Citizens Academy and encouraged public to apply.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Kathleen Tarrant, Isabella County Continuum of Care to Prevent Homelessness, shared information on what the Continuum has accomplished over the last year.

Petro Tolas, 306 E. Broadway St., would like to have City do more testing around the tanks that were just removed at the Department of Public Works.

Sharon Tilmann, 306 Andre, commended the Commission on the job that they have done this year on some difficult issues that have been dealt with.

The Commission recessed at 8:03 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:12 p.m.

WORK SESSION: 2016 Proposed Operating Budget discussion

City Manager Ridley led a discussion on next steps regarding the Mt. Pleasant Center.

Based on the general agreement staff will follow up on:

- Scope of next demo bid:
 - Bid out Phase I to include:
 - Buildings 10 and 12 demo
 - Alternate buildings 99, 100, underground tanks
 - Phase II for all of the rest of the buildings
- How to approach future planning:
 - Prepare concept plan
 - Meetings with public to get input
- Draft Brownfield Plan for the site.

The Commission recessed at 8:42 p.m. and went into a closed session at 8:47 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for each of the closed sessions. The Commission went back into open session at 9:12 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to approve the labor agreement with Paid On-Call Firefighters (Mt. Pleasant Firefighters Association). Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve contract economic reopener with Technical, Professional, and Officeworkers Association of Michigan (TPOAM). Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:14p.m.

Jim Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk