

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ling and Vice Mayor Lents; Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Madaj and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

City Manager Ridley introduced newly promoted Director of Public Safety and Police Chief Paul Lauria. Mayor Ling swore in Paul Lauria as Director of Public Safety and Police Chief.

Director of Recreation Longoria introduced newly hired PEAK Program Coordinator Mary LaChance.

Mayor Ling and City Planner Kain presented a Neighborhood Mini Grant to Heather Grass, President of the Westside Beautification Club.

Mayor Ling read and presented a Proclamation in support of "Peacemaking Recognition Day - February 27, 2017" to Mt. Pleasant Schools' representative Delayne Schutt.

Public Relations Coordinator, Molli Ferency gave a presentation on the new MP City Link application.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Kaye Bouck, Mt. Pleasant Girls Youth Softball Association, spoke in opposition to increases in facility fees and resolution to approve facility license agreements.

Curt Wager, Mt. Pleasant Little League, spoke in opposition to increases in facility fees and resolution to approve facility license agreements.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items:
 - a. Tobacco Free Zone Policy report.
2. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (November)
3. Resignation of Rick McGuirk from the Principal Shopping District and Tax Increment Finance Authority Boards.

Remove Items 12b. Bids and Quotations "Three Leaves Drive and Denison Drive Street Rehabilitation"; and 12 c. Bids and Quotations "Forest Lane Reconstruction" from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held January 23, 2017.
2. Minutes of closed sessions (3) of the City Commission held January 23, 2017.
3. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held January 24, 2017.
4. Bid of Detroit Salt Co. LLC of Detroit, Michigan as part of the State of Michigan's MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program in the amount of \$51.42 per ton, for a total amount of \$25,710 for 500 tons of road salt.
5. Resolution to Adopt Central Drive between Mission and East Campus as a City Street:

WHEREAS: the City of Mt. Pleasant did acquire land for street right-of-way for street purposes in 2016, and the street was constructed in 2016, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to place this street within the City of Mt. Pleasant street system for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P.A. 1951 as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. That said street is to be named **Central Drive**.
2. That the center line of Central Drive is described as follows:
CENTERLINE OF CENTRAL DRIVE IS DESCRIBED AS
COMMENCING 1648.75 FEET SOUTH OF THE EAST 1/4 CORNER OF
SECTION 22, T14N, R4W, THENCE WEST 389.18 FEET, THENCE
NORTH 83 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 42 SECONDS WEST, 64.13 FEET TO
THE ENDING, CITY OF MT. PLEASANT, ISABELLA COUNTY,
MICHIGAN.
3. That said street is located within a City of Mt. Pleasant right-of-way and is under the control of the City of Mt. Pleasant.
4. That said street is a public street and is for public street purposes.
5. That said street is accepted into the City of Mt. Pleasant Local Street system and was open to the public November 14, 2016.
6. Authorize contract with Pat McGuirk Excavating to a not-to-exceed amount of \$18,500 for the 2016-2017 snow season and approve a budget amendment for same.
7. Appoint Corey Friedrich as the representative of the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals as recommended by the Planning Commission.
8. City Commission Policy regarding Attendance at Conventions, Conferences & Training Sessions; and Expense Reimbursement. (CC Ex. 2-2017)
9. Payrolls dated January 27 and warrants dated January 24, February 1 and 2, 2017 all totaling \$892,928.16

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on request to rezone 205, 209-219 E. Bellows from C-1 (Local Business) to M-2 (Multiple Family Residential) and 1021 S. University from P-1 (Vehicular Parking) to M-2 (Multiple Family Residential).

Letters were received from the following individuals in opposition to request for rezoning: Edward and Jessica Clayton, 302 E. High St.; Xantha Karp, 318 E. Cherry St.; Jason Taylor, 1040 South Dr.; Julie Taylor, 1040 South Dr.; Eric Chercover, 318 E. Cherry St.; Chris Cotton, Co-Owner of Kaya Coffee House; Matt Stephenson, Harrison, MI and Ben Gunning, 2270 E. Broomfield Rd.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the request for rezoning: Kathy Martin, 401 E. Palmer St.; Emily Miller, Co-Owner of Kaya Coffee House; Kristin LaLonde, 120 S. Arnold St.; John Bunch, 722 N. Main; Josh Geary, Student Government Association representative; Eric Chercover, 318 E. Cherry St.; Elizabeth Meadows, 315 E. May St.; Sam Raisanen, 507 S. University Ave.; David Stairs, 109 W. Locust St.; Amy Swaney, 1405 Greenbriar; Michael Willet, Trout Hall, CMU; Stephanie Bailey, 16 Kensington Circle; Abigail Chambers, Co-Owner of Kaya Coffee House; Laura Gourlay, 615 E. Wisconsin St.; Nicole Strickland, 2222 S. Crawford; and Lauren Beltnick, 3720 S. Isabella St.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the request for rezoning: John Belco former SBX manager; Jim Engler, 2303 Amber Ln.; and Rick McGuirk, 4175 E. Bluegrass.

Art Fountain, 1032 S. Franklin, would like to see the alley changed back to the way it used to be.

There being no further public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Vice Mayor Lents that the request to rezone 205, 209-219 E. Bellows from C-1 (Local Business) to M-2 (Multiple Family Residential) and 1021 S. University from P-1 (Vehicular Parking) to M-2 (Multiple Family Residential) be denied.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioners Holton, Kulick and Verleger
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the bid of Central Asphalt of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$163,184.00 for the Three Leaves Drive and Denison Drive Street Rehabilitation projects. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the bid of McGuirk Sand and Gravel of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$109,409.20 for the Forest Lane Reconstruction project.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Gillis
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to authorize the Mayor to sign the change order with Town Planning & Urban Design Collaborative (TPUDC) for the Downtown Vision Plan and authorize the appropriate budget amendment for the work.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioner Gillis and Verleger
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the amendment to the contract with Spicer Group for project management of the Mt. Pleasant Center Property for 2017. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to approve the Resolution regarding facility license agreements as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Verleger to amend the original Resolution regarding facility license agreements to remove the fees for 2017 for both little league and girls youth softball.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to postpone action on the Resolution regarding facility license agreements until the next meeting so that staff can prepare further information. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve appointments to various city boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)
and Principal Shopping District (PSD)

Term Expires:

Bryan Wieferich

December 31, 2018

Motion unanimously adopted.

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Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA)
and Principal Shopping District (PSD)

Term Expires:

Steve Bissell

December 31, 2017

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

NAYS: Kulick and Lents

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis encourages citizens to apply for boards and commissions.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Kaye Bouck, Mt. Pleasant Girls Youth Softball Association, thanked the Commission for postponement on the decision on facility fees and would like to see the fee be zero.

The Commission recessed at 9:19 p.m. and went into a work session at 9:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION

1. Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport Rules and Regulations.

Mayor Ling led a discussion on Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport Rules and Regulations.

Discussion ensued.

Recommendation will be on the next meeting agenda.

2. Format, location and priorities for work sessions..

Mayor Ling led a discussion on the format, location and priorities for work sessions.

Discussion ensued.

Work sessions will be back upstairs in Conference Room A for the next several months while staff does further research on options for recording the meetings upstairs.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 10:18 p.m. without objection.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk