

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor William Joseph, Vice Mayor Amy Perschbacher; Commissioners Mary Alsager, Lori Gillis, Kristin LaLonde, George Ronan and Petro Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nancy Ridley, Deputy City Clerk Mary Ann Kornexl and City Attorney Michael Homier

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Joseph read and presented a Proclamation recognizing Indigenous People's Day, October 12, 2020 to Maia Lynn Spotted-Tail and Erik Rodriguez on behalf of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Council.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Ryan Litwiller, 1036 S. Fancher, spoke in favor of proposed amended ordinance to allow overnight parking on city streets when there is no accumulation of snow.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items;
 - a. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
2. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes. (October, 2019)
3. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (August)
4. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (September)

Item #11 "Receive recommended text change to amend table 154.405.A to update district density in the CD-4 General Urban Character District and set a public hearing for November 9, 2020 on the same" was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Alsager to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held September 28, 2020 with corrections to vote count on amended motion regarding overnight parking.

2. Contract with C2AE for \$33,500 for professional engineering services for a septage receiving station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
3. Receive recommended proposed rezoning ordinance for 623 S. Fancher from CZ (Civic Zone) to CD-3 (Sub-Urban) and set a public hearing for Monday, November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
4. Receive proposed 2050 Master Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission and set a public hearing for November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
5. Warrants dated September 9, 2020 and October 6 and 7, 2020 and Payrolls dated October 2, 2020 all totaling \$829,011.05.

A public hearing was held on an ordinance for Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). There being no public comments or communications received the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher that Ordinance 1058, an ordinance to provide for service charge in lieu of taxes for 1414 W. Broomfield having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to authorize the Mayor to sign the Municipal Services Agreement with the Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission for 1414 W. Broomfield at 3% of annual shelter rents.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Commission considered the original motion of September 28, 2020 with amendments as follows:

That Ordinance 1057, an Ordinance to amend Article VII: TRAFFIC CODE, Chapter 71 PARKING REGULATIONS, Sections 71.27 and 71.45 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code regarding parking and snow emergencies with a requirement that a report on the number of citations issued under the new ordinance be prepared after one year

and that no new construction or redevelopment is allowed that has no onsite parking for one year having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: None

NAYS: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Ronan that Ordinance 1057, an Ordinance to amend Article VII: TRAFFIC CODE, Chapter 71 PARKING REGULATIONS, Sections 71.27 and 71.45 of the City Code of the City of Mt. Pleasant regarding parking and snow emergencies revised to include a new section 7, having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Alsager to receive recommended text change to amend table 154.405.A to update district density in the CD-4 General Urban Character District and set a public hearing for November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. on same.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the Application for Off-Premises Tasting Room License from Blue Water Winery, LLC at 205 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Ronan to postpone action on resolution approving charter amendment ballot language to change the term of office for commission members until a work session can be held on same.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Tolas to postpone action on resolution approving charter amendment ballot language to increase the term of office for the Mayor and Vice Mayor until a work session can be held on same.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Tolas to authorize the Mayor to sign a one-year extension to the labor agreement with the Mt. Pleasant Paid on Call Firefighter Association (POCF).

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to approve the resolution supporting the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Order as presented. (CC Exh. 12-2020)

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Alsager to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for

strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioner Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City Related Issues and New Business

City Manager Ridley asked the Commissioners for guidance on areas they need additional information on for a work session on the 2050 Master Plan to be held October 26th. She announced there will be a work session discussion on November 9th on 2021 Annual Budget. It was the consensus of the commission to hold a work session on October 26th.

City Manager Ridley gave an update on Ransomwear remote attack on Saturday, October 10th. The attack completely locked up access to City wide computer system and phone services. The City's Information Technology Department (IT) is working with the Michigan State Police on what happened and how to repair the system. Information Technology (IT) is working diligently and methodically to restore the system. City offices were closed on Monday and Tuesday. She reassured citizens that election data is secure and that there is no public health threat for the Water Treatment Plant or the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Commissioner Tolas commented that he received a call from David Gilbert complimenting the Department of Public Works on their professional and informative care in dealing with recent water main repairs.

Commissioner Alsager questioned ballot drop box security; announced tree planting taking place Saturday, October 17th at Fancher Elementary School. You can sign up through ReLeaf Michigan.org individually or as a team.

City Manager Ridley and Deputy City Clerk Kornexl provided details on ballot drop box security.

Commissioner Gillis assured residents that the ballot drop box is on security camera; encouraged voting in person or early through the absent voter process and encouraged residents to fill out census.

Mayor Joseph announced virtual Climate Solution Summit to be held on Friday, October 16th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m; Leaf pickup begins the week of November 2nd

and continues every other week until the last pickup on November 30th; he encouraged residents to continue wearing masks and to get a flu shot.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Caleb Carey, 214 Pine St., co-owner of Casano, LLC, Mt. Pleasant's first licensed medical marijuana asked if the Marihuana Ordinance could be amended to allow medical marihuana license holders to be allowed to license for recreational marijuana as well.

The Commission recessed at 9:49 p.m. and went into closed session at 9:56 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m. without objection.

William Joseph, Mayor

Mary Ann Kornexl, Deputy City Clerk