

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 24, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joseph and Vice Mayor Perschbacher;
Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, LaLonde, Ronan and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Parks and Public Spaces Director Bundy gave a departmental presentation.

City Planner Kain and Mayor Joseph presented the 2019 Community Improvement Awards to the selected property owners.

Commercial	1218-1222 S. Mission	Mission Street Enterprises, Inc.
Residential	1604 W. Michigan	Jeri Hansen Hoffman

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Tax Increment Finance Authority Meeting Minutes. (November)
3. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes. (November)
4. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (January)
5. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (January)
6. 2050 Master Plan Open House Schedule.
7. Correspondence received from Bruce Kilmer, 415 N. University, regarding Election of the Mayor.
8. Correspondence received from Jacq Roberg, 507 N. Lansing St., regarding Winter Parking Ordinance.
9. Correspondence received from Eric Pierson, President of the International Relations Council, 320 W. Broadway St., regarding 2019 delegate visit.
10. Correspondence received from Glen Irwin, 1018 Sweeney St., regarding Special Assessment District 1-2020.
11. Correspondence received at the dais from Ruth Inman, 311 W. Michigan St., regarding Special Assessment District 1-2020.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 10, 2020.
2. Bid of Central Asphalt of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$540,608 for the 2020 Pickard Street Overlay Project.
3. Bid of Wolverine Sealcoating, LLC of Jackson, Michigan in the amount of \$46,652 for the City's annual crack sealing project.

4. Bid of Robbin Harsh Excavating of Clare, Michigan in the amount of \$178,474 for Parking Lot #7 Reconstruction and appropriate budget amendment from the Tax Increment Finance Authority.
5. Bid of Duperon Corporation of Saginaw, Michigan in the amount of \$47,000 for the purchase of a Wastewater Washer Compactor and appropriate budget amendment from the Wastewater Reserve Fund.
6. Appointment of Corey Friedrich as the representative of the Planning Commission to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term as recommended by the Planning Commission.
7. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) resolutions for the addition and deletion of streets to the City's local street system:

a. **Decertification Resolution for Lynwood Street**

WHEREAS: The City of Mt. Pleasant does wish to decertify a portion of Lynwood Street. This decertification of Lynwood Street is located between McVey Street and the dead end of Lynwood Street for a total decertification length of 70 feet.

b. **Resolution for Washington Street so called**

WHEREAS: The City of Mt. Pleasant owns title to Washington Street, 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 the center line of Washington Street is described as follows:

Centerline of a street roughly 30 feet wide described as beginning at a point that is S89°57'46"E 78.21 feet along the east and west ¼ line from the south ¼ corner of section 10, T14N-R4W, Union Township, Isabella County, Michigan, thence N15°08'05"E 172.89 feet thence N22°36'57"E 162.62 thence N30°41'35"E 258.84 feet thence N40°05'47"E 175.93 feet thence N48°38'06"E 186.45 feet thence N52°31'54"E 93.60 feet to the point of beginning running thence N41°49'43"E 133.25 feet thence N39°49'50"E 215.08 feet to the point of ending. (348.33')

2. 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.
3. That said street is a public street and is for public street purposes.
4. That said street is accepted into the City of Mt. Pleasant Local Street system and was open to the public before December 31, 2019.

c. **Resolution for Franklin Street so called**

WHEREAS: The City of Mt. Pleasant owns title to Franklin Street, 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 the center line of Franklin Street is described as follows:

Centerline of a street roughly 30 feet wide described as beginning at a point that is S89°57'46"E 920.14 feet along the east and west ¼ line from the south ¼ corner of section 10, T14N-R4W, Union Township, Isabella County, Michigan, thence N00°02'14"E 982.93 feet to the point of beginning running thence N12°54'38"W 82.07 feet thence N28°52'44"W 67.17 feet to the point of ending. (149.24')

2. 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.
 3. That said street is a public street and is for public street purposes.
 4. That said street is accepted into the City of Mt. Pleasant Local Street system and was open to the public before December 31, 2019.
8. Resolution to Allow for Partial Funding from Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the 2020 Pickard Street Mill and Overlay Project:
WHEREAS, a Grant Agreement (MDOT Contract No. 20-5071, Category F Grant #891) has been submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which requires the City of Mt. Pleasant to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the contract for reimbursement of funds to the City for the 2020 Pickard Street Mill and Overlay Project, including all related work, and
WHEREAS, the construction and improvements made to Pickard Street will improve safety for both motoring and pedestrian traffic; and
WHEREAS, the Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.
9. Warrants dated February 5, 11 & 13, 2020 and Payrolls dated February 7, 2020, all totaling \$782,878.97.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Alsager to approve optional Resolution #3 with a revised cost allocation of 50% to the Capital Improvement Fund for an updated/revised assessment roll for Special Assessment District #1-2020.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1-20 RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the City Commission, after due and legal notice, has met and heard all interested persons to be affected by the proposed public improvements hereinafter described; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it advisable and necessary to proceed with Special Assessment No. 1-20;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Commission hereby determines to install public improvements as follows: install pedestrian street lights on Michigan St. between Washington St. and Oak St. in the City Special Assessment District No. 1- 20.
2. The plans, profiles and specifications previously prepared by the City Manager are hereby approved.

3. The Commission hereby approves the detailed estimates of cost and determines a total estimated cost of \$76,500.00. The amount of \$36,466.83 shall be spread by special assessments upon the City Special Assessment District No. 1-20, and the amount of \$40,033.17 shall be the obligation of the city-at-large.
4. The City Assessor is directed to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with the Commission's determination.
5. When the Assessor has completed the assessment roll he shall file the roll with the City Clerk for presentation to the Commission.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

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

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Ronan to approve Resolution #4 to accept the special assessment roll and set a public hearing for March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. regarding said roll for Special Assessment District #1-2020.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1-20 RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared the special assessment roll for Special Assessment District No. 1-20 to special assess that portion of the cost of the public improvements to the properties specially benefited by said public improvements, and the same has been presented to the City Commission by the City Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, the Special Assessment District No. 1-20 is described as: install pedestrian street lights on Michigan St. between Washington St. and Oak St. in the City Special Assessment District No. 1-20;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is accepted and will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The City Commission shall meet on March 9, 2020 at 7 p.m., in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St., to hear all persons interested in reviewing the special assessment roll, and shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard, and the City Clerk is directed to publish and mail, in accordance with applicable statutory and ordinance provisions, the notice of hearing.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

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

NAYS: Commissioners Gills and Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to receive the proposed 2050 Master Plan as recommended by the Planning Commission and consider release for review and comment. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to approve a budget amendment of \$31,240 to the DDA budget from the DDA Unassigned Fund Balance for alley reconstruction project.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Commissioner Alsager to approve a budget amendment of \$9,500 for the Public Safety kitchen renovations from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Public Safety Building account. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Ronan to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a second amendment to the 2013 Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Mr. Olivieri as drafted by the City Attorney according to the parameters as proposed.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Gillis

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Ronan to postpone appointments to various board and commissions until next meeting. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner LaLonde and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis spoke in support of having a popularly elected Mayor for the City and concerns regarding the appointments made to committees by the Mayor.

Commissioner Ronan stated he plans to make an informed decision on issues the Charter Committee plans to discuss.

The Commission recessed at 8:31 p.m. and went into a closed session at 8:35 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 8:48 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to approve the labor contract with full-time firefighters represented by the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commission recessed at 8:49 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:57 p.m.

WORK SESSION – Discussion on potential drain easement for Mission Creek dam

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the potential drain easement for the Mission Creek dam.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will work with the Isabella County Drain Commissioner and will bring an agreement back to the Commission for approval at a future meeting.

WORK SESSION – Discussion on recommendation from Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) regarding \$80,000 from Economic Initiatives Fund.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on a recommendation from the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) regarding \$80,000 from Economic Initiatives Fund.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will prepare the recommendation to be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk