

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, May 11, 2020, at 7:02 p.m.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joseph and Vice Mayor Perschbacher;  
Commissioners Alsager (7:09), Gillis, LaLonde, Ronan and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Homier

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

### Presentations and Proclamations

Mayor Joseph read and presented a proclamation to Public Works Director Moore recognizing National Public Works Week (May 17-23, 2020).

### Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to add: "Item 12. Recommendation to look at fees related to outdoor dining." to the agenda.

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

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried. (Required two-thirds vote of entire commission)

Moved by Mayor Joseph and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to add: "Item 13. Consider scheduling a special meeting for Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss fees and economic relief." to the agenda.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion failed. (Required two-thirds vote of entire commission)

### Public Input on Agenda Items

Due to the meeting being conducted electronically, public comments were emailed to the city and then read aloud by City Manager Ridley.

Glen Irwin, 1018 Sweeney, spoke in opposition to the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), specifically relating to special assessments downtown and the defunding of TIFA.

## 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. Report on Purchasing Policy amendments.
3. Correspondence received from Matthew M. Roberson, rober1m@cmich.edu, regarding rerouting M-20 (High Street).
4. Correspondence received from Brandon LaBelle, brandon@labellerealty.net, regarding summer tax bills.
5. Correspondence received from Aaron Cromar, pondercoffeeco@gmail.com, regarding outdoor dining and fees.
6. Correspondence received from Deb Cary, Consano, thanking the City Commission for their decision to forego her portion of the Michigan Street construction assessment.

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 April 27, 2020.
2. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a one-year contract extension with Brown and Brown for broker services at a not-to-exceed cost of \$40,000 per year.
3. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Standard Lighting Contract between the City and Consumers Energy for the removal of the existing light pole in Parking Lot 7.
4. Warrants dated April 28 and May 5, 2020 and Payrolls dated May 1, 2020 all totaling \$1,082,983.89.

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 Gillis to approve the resolution extending conditional authorization for 3967 Euclid LLC for six months in order to obtain final authorizations for Class A Grower (February 1, 2021) and Provisioning Center (February 14, 2021) located at 1005 Corporate Drive. (CC Exh. 3-2020)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Commissioner Tolas to approve the resolution to waive summer tax bill penalties until September 14, confirm the waiver of

late fees on utility bills until June 15, 2020 and authorize utility bill payment plans as presented. (CC Exh. 4-2020)

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 Gillis to waive outdoor dining fees for downtown brick and mortar businesses for the 2020 outdoor dining season that do not exceed two parking spaces.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Gillis

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

#### Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

City Manager Ridley gave an update on the City's response to the stay at home order in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and gave some updated information and plans for a special one-time recycling pickup, leaf pickup dates and brush pickup. She also asked everyone to be compassionate with each other.

Commissioner Gillis thanked: City Manager Ridley for finding a solution for recycling; community members for doing what they can for each other and for following the Governor's orders regarding masks; frontline staff for the work they are doing; teachers and administrators for the work they are doing with distance learning; and fellow Commissioners and staff.

Mayor Joseph echoed comments of City Manager Ridley and Commissioner Gillis and asked everyone to be patient and continue to be there for each other and work together.

The Commission recessed at 8:46 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:52 p.m.

#### WORK SESSION - 1) Presentation on the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Assistant Finance Director Saladine gave a presentation on the 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

#### WORK SESSION - 2) Discussion on the proposed 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the proposed 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Discussion ensued.

Staff will review 2021 projects to determine what, if any, of the Capital Improvement projects could be delayed for a year and bring that information back at a future meeting for discussion.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:51 p.m.

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William L. Joseph, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk