

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at 7:00 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, Gillis, LaLonde, Ronan and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

Presentations and Proclamations

Jim McBryde, President of Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) and Erin Strang, President of Central Michigan University Research Corporation (CMURC) gave a presentation on Local Finance Development Authority.

Discussion ensued.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (February)
3. Receipt of annual Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Abatement Report from Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC).
4. Receipt of 2019 year-end report and 2020 first quarter report on Local Development Finance Authority (LDFFA) activities.
5. Communication from the Planning Commission on the proposed 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held May 11, 2020.
2. Bid of Watertap, Incorporated of Wixom, Michigan for water main valve insertion in the amount of \$41,650.
3. Bid of IRT Commercial Services of Traverse City, Michigan for the Riverside Cemetery Mausoleum Roof Replacement with alternate for a not-to-exceed cost of \$27,425 and appropriate budget amendment.
4. Resolution in support of Traffic Control Order 1-2020 as follows:
WHEREAS, under the date of May 26, 2020, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 1-2020 (Place 'No Parking Here to Corner' sign on the east side of Kinney Street south of High Street/M-20 south of the signal activator and in accordance with MUTCD standards.). Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City

Commission on May 26, 2020, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 1-2020 a permanent traffic control order.

5. Resolution confirming recreational marijuana application dates as presented. (CC Exh. 5-2020)
6. Warrants dated May 12, 14, and 19, 2020 and Payrolls dated May 15, 2020 all totaling \$624,159.23.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried.

A public hearing was held on proposed 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan. There being no public comments or communications received, the Mayor closed the public hearing. No action required by the Commission at this time.

Received Local Development Finance Authority/Downtown Development Authority information and ability to provide grants to local businesses.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Tolas to reduce the tax capture of the LDFA to 20% for 2020.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

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

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Alsager to approve the resolution temporarily permitting outdoor business activities as presented. (CC Exh. 6-2020)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Commissioner Ronan to approve the resolution amending fees for summer 2020 PEAK as follows:

2020 PARKS & RECREATION FEES & CHARGES RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 97.04 of the City Code authorizes the City Commission to establish by resolution fees and charges for recreation and parks services and facilities, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission hereby recommends that the following fees and charges become effective at the beginning of the 2020 PEAK Summer Camp season and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Parks and Recreation Directors are authorized to effect minor adjustments to the following fees and charges in order to maximize citizen participation and effect positive community cooperation in recreation and parks services.

| | Current Approved Fees | Proposed 2020 |
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| PEAK Summer Camp | | |
| Resident/MPPS Weekly Rate | \$125 | \$100 |
| Resident/MPPS Weekly Rate - Scholarship | \$75 | \$50 |
| Non-resident/non-MPPS Weekly Rate | \$150 | \$125 |
| Non-resident/non-MPPS Weekly Rate - Scholarship | \$90 | \$65 |

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas
 NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None
 Motion unanimously 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 on current staffing levels, recycling fees and pickup, farmers market, and potential timelines and guidelines for reopening city offices. She also asked everyone to be compassionate with each other. She announced that free masks are being given away on Thursday from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. near the Kulhavi Events Center on Central Michigan University’s Campus. She thanked city staff for the work they have been doing during this process.

Vice Mayor Perschbacher asked questions on when hiring seasonal staff will start; she reminded residents that COVID testing is now available for those that leave the house for work and a doctor’s note is not needed; and she reminded everyone to be kind to one another and respect others opinions.

Commissioner Alsager commented that a resident was having trouble getting city bags and tags and wanted to make sure they were still available.

Commissioner Gillis commented that it is great news that the farmers market will be able to open in modified format; thanked staff for getting recent recycling pickup done and stated that it was taken to a facility in Kent County; asked anyone who hasn’t filled out the census to please do so – it is very important to the city and it can still be filled out if you haven’t yet; she would like to see some relief across the board for our tax payers that can be applied to all city taxpayers; thanked everyone who went out and paid respect on memorial day; thanked all front line workers and encouraged everyone to wear masks and practice social distancing when out; stated that Art Reach downtown has a tree where you can get

free masks; and finally, commented that she is happy that free brush pickup is being used to such a degree and that all 150 slots have been filled already.

Commissioner Tolas asked that everyone be kind to one another and do not hassle people for wearing or not wearing masks; he apologized to commissioners for sometimes overvoicing opinions at times related to businesses as it is a topic he is passionate about in the city.

Mayor Joseph reminded residents of COVID testing at Rite Aid and Walmart; thanked Manager Ridley and Director Lauria for helping out surrounding area with flooding; announced United Way is taking donations for those affected by the flood; thanked staff for recycling pickup; and reminded everyone to stay safe and wear masks when out in public.

The Commission recessed at 9:12 p.m. and went into a work session at 9:20 p.m.

WORK SESSION – Discussion on the proposed 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan.

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

Discussion ensued.

Staff will prepare a resolution that approves the proposed 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Plan modified by the general agreement reached on the categories for delaying some 2021 projects due to revenue uncertainties. The resolution will be brought to the Commission for action at their next meeting.

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

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk