

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 24, 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 and Vice Mayor Amy Perschbacher; Commissioners Mary Alsager, Kristin LaLonde, George Ronan and Petro Tolas

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Lori Gillis

Others Present: City Manager Nancy Ridley and Deputy City Clerk Mary Ann Kornexl

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Michigan Department of Transportation Aeronautics gave a presentation on Mt. Pleasant Airport.

Downtown Development Director Sponseller gave a departmental presentation.

#### Public Input on Agenda Items

Correspondence received from Rachel Blizzard, 5450 E. Coe Rd.; Bryan Weiferich, 110 E. Broadway St.; Doug Wallace, Chamber of Commerce President, 113 W. Broadway; and Josh Agardy, 415 E. Chippewa St. in support of resolution extending temporary permitting of outdoor business activities.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items;
  - a. Annual report on Experimental Aircraft Association benefit to the airport.
2. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (March)
3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (July)

Moved by Commissioner Tolas 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 August 10, 2020.
2. Refer the proposed ordinance to amend Table 154.405.A of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinance to update standards in the CD-3L, CD-3 and CD-4 zoning districts regarding residential housing standards to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.
3. Authorize a one-year contract extension with Republic Services until December 31, 2024 for solid waste pick up.

4. Resolution setting fee for trash carts as follows:  
 WHEREAS, the City provides various services for solid waste,  
 WHEREAS, the City Commission adopted fee/charges policy guidelines in July 2017,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following fee is consistent with the policy guidelines and are to be set to begin August 1, 2020.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the fee will be billed monthly on the utility bill and the utility bill must be in the name of the owner not a tenant.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that each property that chooses to utilize city carts must purchase at least one cart for every two units or two carts for every three units on the property.

<b>Solid Waste</b>	
	Monthly Fee
Monthly 96 Gallon Cart Pick up – Elective for those not required to use bag tag	\$28.00

5. Warrants dated August 5, 6 & 12, 2020 and Payrolls dated August 7, 2020 all totaling \$1,199,409.69.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillis

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to approve the resolution temporarily permitting outdoor business activities as presented. (CC Exh. 10-2020)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillis

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to approve the appointment of Chris Saladine as acting City Clerk and Mary Ann Kornexl as Deputy City Clerk for the City of Mt. Pleasant.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillis

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Alsager to approve the appointment of Vice Mayor Amy Perschbacher as the voting delegate, representing the City of Mt. Pleasant at the Michigan Municipal League annual member's meeting and appoint Mayor Will Joseph as the alternate.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillis

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Tolas 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, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Gillis

Motion unanimously carried.

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

City Manager Ridley announced that the Central Michigan District Health Department has ordered further limiting of outdoor gatherings in the City of Mt. Pleasant and Union Township in effect Monday, August 24 until further notice. She thanked staff, Mary Ann Kornexl, Chris Saladine, Jacob Kain and Marilyn Wixson for taking over clerk duties.

Vice Mayor Perschbacher announced that CMU is back in session, please wear masks and social distance. Also, Broadway Theatre is giving out free pop and popcorn and ½ off candy sales this Saturday.

Mayor Joseph encouraged all community members, both long-term and short-term, to be personally responsible especially in light of the uptick in COVID-19 cases. Personal health and local economy depend on it. BE THE REASON. He also encouraged everyone to please complete the census.

#### Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Deb Carey, 7434 Howard City/Edmore Rd., Vestaburg, owner of Consano expressed concerns on how the granting of recreational marihuana licenses was done. Caleb Carey, 214B Pine Street, co-owner of Consano expressed concerns on how the granting of recreational marihuana licenses was done. Ryan Jocques, Esq., Lansing, Michigan, expressed concerns on how the granting of recreational marihuana licenses was done. Melissa Lambert, 1333 E. Gaylord, expressed concerns about drug problems in the City and benefit of recreational marihuana licenses and concerns on how the granting of recreational marihuana licenses was done.

The Commission recessed at 8:24 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:29 p.m.

WORK SESSION -Discussion on Airport Partners Agreement.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the Airport Partners Agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will begin work on the policies/programs that were discussed and had general agreement.

The Commission recessed at 8:47 p.m. and went into a closed session at 8:50 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:14 p.m.

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William L. Joseph, Mayor

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Mary Ann Kornexl, Deputy City Clerk