

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, September 28, 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, Lori Gillis, Kristin LaLonde, George Ronan and Petro Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nancy Ridley and Acting City Clerk Chris Saladine

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

Proclamations and Presentations

Scott Mertes gave a presentation on proposed Mid-Michigan Community College annexation.

Finance Director gave a presentation on the 2020 election status.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes. (June)
3. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (August)
4. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (August)
5. Correspondence received from Alice and Pasquale Ciccu, 419 S. Fancher in support of Master Plan Addition of Mountain Bike Trails.

Items 14, "Bids and Quotations a. Environmental Consulting Services-Ground Water Testing" and 15 "Receive proposed ordinance for the Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and the Municipal Services Agreement and set a public hearing for October 12, 2020 on the same" were removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held September 14, 2020.
2. Minutes of the electronically conducted Closed session held September 14, 2020.
3. Minutes of the electronically conducted Special Joint meeting held September 17, 2020.

4. Warrants dated September 15, 16 & 23, 2020 and Payrolls dated September 18, 2020 all totaling \$989,745.28.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted.

A Public hearing was held on proposed amendment to Article VII: TRAFFIC CODE, Chapter 71 PARKING REGULATIONS, Sections 71.27 and 71.45 of the City Code of the City of Mt. Pleasant Code regarding parking and snow emergencies.

There being no additional public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and supported by Commissioner Alsager 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 Code regarding parking and snow emergencies having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

Moved by Mayor Joseph and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to amend the original motion to require a report on number of citations issued under the new ordinance after one year.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher & Ronan
NAYS: Commissioner Tolas
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to amend the motion to prevent new construction or redevelopment that has no onsite parking for one year while trying new overnight parking rules.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas
NAYS: Commissioner Joseph
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and supported by Commissioner Gillis to postpone item until further legal review can occur.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis, Joseph, LaLonde, Perschbacher, Ronan & Tolas
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted.

A Public hearing was held on Gursky Limited, LLC DBA Motorless Motion job creation accomplishment through the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and authorize the Mayor to sign the required documentation on the same.

There being no additional public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Ronan to authorize the Mayor to sign the required documentation as part of the CDBG-RLF program for Gursky Limited, LLC.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and supported by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to approve a contract with the Mannik Smith Group of Lansing, Michigan for \$24,870 for the groundwater testing near the former City landfill and the appropriate budget amendment.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and supported by Commissioner Ronan to receive proposed ordinance for the Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Payment in lieu of Taxes (PILOT) and the Municipal Services Agreement and set a public hearing on same for Monday, October 12, 2020.

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

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The Commission prioritized and approved submission of City requests for fall 2020 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% allocations.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

City Manager Ridley gave reminder that Halloween is not a City event. The City recommends residents adhere to CDC Guidelines that trick or treating is high risk.

Mayor Joseph gave census reminder and reminder that absentee voting has started with convenient voting options. He reminded residents that no fee brush pickup is next week.

Commissioner Gillis announced that voting information can be found at Vote411.org; the Census Bureau is hiring enumerators; there are openings on boards and commissions and invited residents to consider applying; and asked staff to look at changing time of TIFA Board meeting from morning to evening to allow more people to serve.

WORK SESSION

1. Presentation by Assistant Finance Director Saladine on the 2021 Operating Budget.

Assistant Finance Director Saladine gave a presentation on the proposed 2021 Operating Budget.

Discuss ensued.

2. Discuss Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will begin work to move forward with items that were discussed and had general agreement by the Commission and will bring the items back to the Commission for further discussion and action at a future meeting.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:27 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Chris Saladine, Acting City Clerk