

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, October 11, 2021, 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, Olivia Cyman, Lori Gillis, George Ronan and Petro Tolas. All Commissioners present indicated they were in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan.

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Nancy Ridley, City Clerk Heather Bouck and City Attorney Michael Homier

All present attended virtually via Zoom video conference.

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Joseph read a proclamation recognizing October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples' Day. Gayle Ruhl and Frank Cloutier of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe thanked the Commission for the recognition.

Public Input on Agenda Items

John Zang, 623 Hopkins, Chairman of the Mid-Michigan Recreation Authority, addressed the Commission in support of securing the funds to begin the campaign to put the aquatic center on the ballot in the future.

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; and
 - b. Annual Report on Experimental Aircraft Association benefit to the airport.
2. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (July)
3. Airport Joint Operations and Management Board Meeting Minutes. (August)
4. Resignation of Vincent Mumford from the Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. Correspondence received from Micah Focken regarding marihuana licensing ordinances.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held September 27, 2021.
2. Bid of ProComm of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the purchase of 12 portable 800 Mhz radios in the amount of \$100,696 and the appropriate budget amendment.
3. Receive Amended Application from MAC LTT and set public hearing on same for Monday, October 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

4. Allocation of \$10,000 to the Mid-Michigan Aquatic Recreational Authority for start-up funds contingent on similar approval from the other two partners and the appropriate budget amendment as presented.
5. MDOT resolution authorizing a contract amendment to include wetland delineation services as follows:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation has submitted a contract amendment (Federal Project Number B-26-0069-2518, MDOT Contract No. 2021-0733), which requires the City of Mt. Pleasant to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the amendment to increase the contract amount to add wetland delineation services to the project; and

WHEREAS, this project will improve the safety for airport traffic; and

WHEREAS, the contract amendment has been approved by the City Manager as to substance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city manager is authorized to digitally sign the contract amendment on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

6. Contract amendment with Mead and Hunt for \$14,843 for wetland delineation services.
7. Appointment of Aaron Desentz to replace Nancy Ridley on the Airport Joint Operations and Management Board effective immediately and to the remaining boards and commissions as presented effective November 1, 2021.
8. Warrants dated September 28 and October 1, & 5, 2021 and Payrolls dated October 1, 2021 all totaling \$1,369,178.81.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on S.A. #1-2021 regarding pedestrian lighting to consider approval of Resolution #5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the special assessment district. There being no public comments or communications received, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and seconded by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to approve Resolution #5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the special assessment district as follows:

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1-21
RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the City Commission held a public hearing on October 11, 2021 after due and legal notice and reviewed the special assessment roll to defray Special Assessment District No. 1-21, share of the cost of certain public expenditures, described as installing pedestrian street lights on Illinois St. between Main St. and Fancher St. in the City Special Assessment District No. 1-21; and,

WHEREAS, after hearing all persons interested therein and after carefully reviewing the special assessment roll, the Commission deems said special assessment roll to be fair,

just and equitable and that each of the assessments contained thereon are in accordance with the benefits to be derived by each parcel of land assessed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll as prepared by the City Assessor, in the amount of \$100,000.00 with \$28,011.32 being paid by the properties specifically benefited and with \$71,988.68 paid by the city-at-large is hereby confirmed.

2. Said special assessment roll is payable in eight (8) annual installments which shall be due and payable beginning on July 1, 2023.

3. Interest shall be charged on the unpaid balance of said special assessment roll at the rate of three percent (3%), commencing three (3) months after notification that the project has been completed. There will be no interest if paid within three (3) months of the written notification from the City Treasurer.

4. The City Clerk is directed to attach the warrant to a certified copy of this resolution within ten (10) days after its adoption requesting the City Assessor to spread and the City Treasurer to collect the sums and amounts as directed by the Commission.

5. The City Clerk is directed to endorse the date of confirmation on the roll.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and seconded by Commissioner Tolas to confirm the reallocation and carryover of existing vacancy savings in 2021 to be used for a one-year contract with R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Joseph appointed Commissioner Cyman to fill the vacant seat on the Appointments Committee.

Moved by Mayor Joseph and seconded by Commissioner Tolas to authorize a bonus in the amount of \$7,000 for current City Manager Nancy Ridley.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Perschbacher and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to approve closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis encouraged vaccination, indicating that they are free, and if you have questions you should seek information from your healthcare provider. She also recommended considering getting the booster if able. She thanked all those working toward keeping everyone safe; thanked those involved in efforts for a great homecoming celebration, and thanked City Manager Nancy Ridley for her dedication to the City.

Commissioner Tolas announced that Broadway Street is opening and commented that he hopes that the City and business owners will continue to work together. He thanked City Manager Ridley for her time served and commented that she will be missed.

Mayor Joseph asked everyone to please wear a mask indoors and get vaccinated.

The Commission recessed at 8:02 p.m. and went into closed session at 8:11 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

The Commission recessed at 8:25 p.m. and went back into open session at 8:28 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and seconded by Commissioner Gillis to approve the labor agreement with Paid On-Call Firefighters (POCF).

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

WORK SESSION:

1. Presentation by Assistant Finance Director Christopher Saladine on the 2022 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

2. Mayor Joseph led a discussion on outdoor ice rink options.

Consensus is to pursue traditional outdoor ice rink. Staff will bring a budget amendment to the next meeting for formal consideration.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:15 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk