

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, May 10, 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 Presentation

City employees Tom Kirchofer and Alan Tillotson were recently promoted to Fire Equipment Operators.

Mayor Joseph read a proclamation recognizing May 16 thru 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Micah Focken, 910 E. Chippewa St., addressed the Commission regarding his letter requesting a recreational marijuana ordinance amendment.

Caleb Cary, 214 S. Pine St., expressed his support of a free market for marijuana sales and distribution.

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. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (March)
3. Correspondence received from Micah Focken, 910 E. Chippewa St., regarding recreational marijuana ordinance amendment.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and seconded 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 April 26, 2021.
2. Set a public hearing for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on the CDBG Water Related Infrastructure Grant for the Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF).

3. Set a public hearing for Monday, May 24, 2021 at 7:00 to consider revocation of the Dayco Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) abatement effective January 1, 2022.
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign a contract extension with RBS for custodial services at the current rates, retroactive to January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.
5. Warrants dated April 28, May 4 & 5, 2021 and Payrolls dated April 30, 2021 all totaling \$839,411.26

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

A Public Hearing was held on proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 97: PARKS and RECREATION, of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances to make various changes which include: 1) Bicycle use in Parks and Cemetery; 2) Removal of wording referring to the Nelson Park Zoo; 3) Prohibition of animals in the cemetery and designated sports fields; 4) Use of unmanned aircraft in parks (drones) and various minor updates. There being no public comment, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Tolas that Ordinance 1068, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 97: PARKS and RECREATION, of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances to make various changes which include 1) Bicycle use in Parks and Cemetery; 2) Removal of wording referring to the Nelson Park Zoo; 3) Prohibition of animals in the cemetery and designated sports fields; 4) Use of unmanned aircraft in parks (drones) and various minor updates having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Joseph appointed Commissioners Alsager, Joseph and Tolas to the ad hoc committee for preliminary review of executive search firm proposals.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to approve a budget amendment of \$7,200 for a Neighborhood Enhancement Program intern.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Tolas to approve closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with counsel regarding pending litigation Cedjo Services, LLC and N-East Services, LLC (Case No. 20-

16504-AA), Pure Releaf N Union LLC (Case No. 20-16511-CZ), and Cary Investments, LLC (Case No. 20-16662-CZ, 20-356707-CZ, 20-356740-CZ and 20-357072-CZ).

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis announced availability on City Board and Commission seats, (applications are available at www.mt-pleasant.org); she encouraged vaccination against COVID 19, (appointments can be made at www.CMDHD.org), and she thanked the Mt. Pleasant Police Department for their service to the community.

Mayor Joseph encouraged social distancing and vaccination to curb the spread of COVID 19 and expressed his congratulations to the recent graduating class at CMU.

The Commission recessed at 7:52 p.m. and went into a closed session at 7:52 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

The Commission recessed at 8:45 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:52 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Discussion on 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 10:11 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk