

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 14, 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 June 19, 2021 as Juneteenth Celebration Day.

Introduced recently hired City employee Leanne Walker, Office Professional 1, PEAK.

Presentation by Lieutenant Don Sytsema on Recovery, Independence, Safety & Empowerment (RISE) partnership.

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. Principal Shopping District (PSD) Meeting Minutes. (December 2020)
3. Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Meeting Minutes. (March)
4. Traffic Control Committee Meeting Minutes. (March)
5. Airport Joint Operations and Management Board Meeting Minutes. (April)
6. Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes. (April)
7. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (April and May)
8. Correspondence from City Assessor Chris Coucke.
9. Resignation of Steve Bissell from the Principal Shopping District Board.
10. Resignation of Curt Ritchey from the Principal Shopping District Board.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis 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 May 24, 2021.

2. Resolution in support of Temporary Traffic Control Order #2-2021 as follows:
WHEREAS, under the date of February 1, 2021, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 2-2021 (Place “No Parking 7 am-8 am and 2 pm-3 pm Loading Zone Only” signs on the south side of Michigan Street in front of the Sacred Heart Academy Elementary School [2 signs the first 5 spaces west of Franklin] and 1 sign for the first 3 spaces on the south side of Michigan just east of University] remove existing three hour parking sign). Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on June 14, 2021, 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. 2-2021 a permanent traffic control order.
3. 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Plan.
4. Receive proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 10 GENERAL PROVISIONS, §10.5 DEFINITIONS and Chapter 91 ANIMALS of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant and set a public hearing for Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
5. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a three-year assessing contract with Sunrise Assessing Services from July 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024 as presented.
6. Appoint Ruth Scott, MMAO Assessor of Record in accordance with State law and City Charter and appoint Heather Bouck Deputy Assessor.
7. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign each of the following five agreements as presented and further provide authority to the City Manager to sign future annual agreements provided the terms and conditions are the same.
 - a.) Facility Agreement with Central Michigan Area Club Softball;
 - b.) Lighting Agreement with Mt. Pleasant Little League;
 - c.) Facility Agreement with Mt. Pleasant Little League;
 - d.) Facility Agreement with Isabella Bank; and
 - e.) Facility Agreement with Isabella County Juvenile Court.
8. Rescind the Residential Alley Paving, Reconstruction and Resurfacing Financing Policy of April 9, 2018 and approve the Capital Projects Special Assessment Policy as presented. (CC Exh 6-2021)
9. Warrants dated May 25, June 1 & 3, 2021 and Payrolls dated May 28, 2021 all totaling \$804,544.43.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and seconded by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to accept the proposal of Walsh Municipal Services of East Lansing, Michigan for the 2021 City Manager Search at a cost of \$13,200.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to approve the resolution as presented for the one-time reduction in the payment from Charter Township of Union for fire protection costs.

WHEREAS the Fire Department staffing costs for April and May 2020 were reduced by \$174,714;

WHEREAS the Fire Protection Agreement with the Charter Township of Union dated, November 26, 2018 (“ Agreement”) provides for the township to pay approximately 30.96% of the Fire Department costs;

WHEREAS the Agreement requires a quarterly payment of ¼ of \$796,300 for 2021;

WHEREAS the City believes, it is in the best interest of all parties to share the 2020 reduction proportionately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The payment due from the Township on July 1, 2021 be reduced by \$54,090.
2. Except for the payment, reduction as stated herein and due on July 1, 2021, nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to amend or alter payment amount or schedule of payments for any other payment due to the City under the Agreement.
3. All of the provisions of the Agreement, except for the reduction in the July 1, 2021 payment as stated in this Resolution, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and seconded by Commissioner Ronan to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation session 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

Mayor Joseph announced “Juneteenth Celebrations” will include a black history trivia night on Tuesday coordinated through CMU and another at Warner Hall on Friday night. Mayor Joseph congratulated staff for receiving the International Award of Excellence for Online Video Campaign and The Telly Awards Bronze Winner and gave special thanks to Darcy Orlik and Director Paul Lauria. He also reminded residents that there is still a pandemic and encouraged residents to get vaccinated and wear a mask in crowds.

Commissioner Gillis also congratulated Darcy Orlik and staff on receiving the International Award of Excellence for Online Video Campaign and The Telly Awards Bronze Winner. She reminded residents that there are Board and Commission seats open.

Visit the City's website www.mt-pleasant.org for details. She thanked Steve Bissell and Curt Ritchey for their time on the Principal Shopping District Board.

Commissioner Ronan suggested moving the Principal Shopping District meeting to a lunch meeting and provide lunch; possibly have more involvement.

The Commission recessed at 7:59 p.m. and went into work session at 8:08 p.m.

WORK SESSION – Preliminary discussion on American Rescue Plan funding.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on American Rescue Plan funding.

The Commission recessed at 8:27 p.m. and went into closed session at 8:30 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:53 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk