

Minutes of the electronically conducted regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 12, 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

Introduced recently hired City employee Micah Kemler, Water Resource Recovery Facility Operator.

Public Input on Agenda Items

*Due to the meeting being conducted electronically, some public comments were emailed to the City and then read aloud by City Manager Ridley.

E-mail communication was received and read from Tony Kulick, 409 S. Fancher, expressing his support for the adoption of the feral cat ordinance.

Tracy Collins, 312 N. Arnold, expressed her support for the adoption of the feral cat ordinance.

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. Airport Joint Operations and Management Board Meeting Minutes. (May)
3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (June)
4. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order #5-2021.
5. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order #6-2021.

Item #11: "Receive an ordinance to amend section 154.410.B and table 154.410.A of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to permit multiple-family dwellings as a special use in the CD-3-character district and set a public hearing for August 9, 2021 on the same." was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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 June 28, 2021.
2. Bid of Denali Construction of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$38,655 for the replacement of three bridge decks at Broadway Street and Leaton Street.
3. Receive proposed ordinance to amend Section 154.410.B.4 of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to update special use permit conditions and requirements for two-family dwellings as recommended by the Planning Commission and set a public hearing for August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on the same.
4. Receive proposed ordinance to amend Section 154.410.B.4 of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to update special use permit conditions and requirements for accessory dwelling units as recommended by the Planning Commission and set a public hearing for August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on the same.
5. Human Resources Director Susanne Gandy as the employer delegate and Assistant Director of Human Resources Shar Rappuhn as the alternate for the 2021 MERS Annual Meeting.
6. Set a special meeting for Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. for City Manager interviews.
7. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Reciprocal Parking Space Lease Agreement for Parking Lot #6 at the corner of University Street and Illinois Street with Isabella Bank as presented.
8. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the American Rescue Funds as presented.

WHEREAS on May 10, 2021 the U.S. Department of Treasury launched the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, to provide \$350 billion in emergency funding for eligible state, local, territorial and Tribal governments;

WHEREAS based on population, the City of Mt Pleasant qualifies for these funds as a Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government (NEU);

WHEREAS based on Michigan Department of Treasury estimates of June 17, 2021, the City will receive \$2,595,466 split in two payments in 2021 & 2022;

WHEREAS the funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024 and must be spent by December 31, 2026;

WHEREAS the current interim rules allow for use to:

Respond to the public health emergency or its negative economic impacts

Premium pay to eligible workers performing essential work

Cover the reduction in revenue for local government

Investment in water, sewer or broadband internet;

WHEREAS the City Commission reviewed the ARPA funding and requirements thus far at a Work session held June 14, 2021 and the consensus was the funds would be useful to the community and the Commission should take time to carefully plan for the use of the funds;

WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Treasury is offering local government the options to accept the funding, to decline the ARPA funding and either return it to the State or have it proportionally distributed to other NEUs in the state;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the City of Mt Pleasant chooses to accept the CLFRF funding and authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

9. Warrants dated June 22, 29 & July 1, 2021 and Payrolls dated June 25, 2021 all totaling \$1,025,232.33.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Cyman to receive a proposed ordinance to amend section 154.410.B and table 154.410.A of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to permit multiple-family dwellings as a special use in the CD-3-character district and set a public hearing for August 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. on the same

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

NAYS: Commissioner Gillis

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to postpone action on liquor license policy and applicable fees until further information is available.

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 consider updates to the following policies and applicable fee resolutions:

- a. Approve the Website Policy as presented. (CC Exh. 7-2021)
- b. Approve the updated Self-Insurance Fund Operating Policy as presented. (CC Exh. 8-2021)

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and seconded by Commissioner Tolas to approve Resolution Attachment A to indicate support of ballot language for four-year terms at the November 2022 election.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Gillis & Tolas

NAYS: Commissioners Cyman, Joseph, Perschbacher & Ronan

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and seconded by Vice Mayor Perschbacher to approve Resolution Attachment B to put the four-year term language on the November 2021 ballot. (CC Exh. 9-2021)

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

NAYS: Commissioners Gillis & Tolas

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Received reports regarding changes to overnight parking and downtown sidewalk snow removal.

Moved by Commissioner Tolas and seconded by Commissioner Alsager that Ordinance 1069, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 10: GENERAL PROVISIONS, §10.05 DEFINITIONS and Chapter 91: ANIMALS of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

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

NAYS: Commissioners Cyman & Perschbacher

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis reminded residents that Indian Pines Park, located north of the airport, is a beautiful 80 acre park available for those who wish to visit.

Mayor Joseph encouraged those that have not already done so to seek a COVID vaccination to avoid the potential for serious illness and hospitalization. He announced that several e-mails had been received regarding the signage for GreenTree. Further discussion ensued regarding the sign ordinance, including previous concerns from three other downtown properties, and Manager Ridley will have staff review the ordinance and take the matter to the Planning Commission.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Sara Moffitt, 721 N. Franklin, an employee of GreenTree, spoke regarding the injustice the current sign ordinance has inflicted upon the business.

Tracy Collins, 312 N. Arnold, thanked the Commission for their action on the feral cat ordinance and expressed her desire for the City to continue to collaborate with HATS on the matter.

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E-mail communication was received and read from Megan Barber, 1706 W. Michigan St., expressed her concern with the current sign ordinance and the fact it prohibits GreenTree from showcasing their business adequately, appropriately or professionally.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:47 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk