

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 14, 2022, at 7:01 p.m., in the City Commission Room, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan with virtual options.

Mayor Perschbacher called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Amy Perschbacher and Vice Mayor Olivia Cyman; Commissioners Mary Alsager, Brian Assmann, Liz Busch, Maureen Eke & George Ronan

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Aaron Desentz and City Clerk Heather Bouck

### Proclamations and Presentations

Officer Darryl Johns was introduced as the City's newest Police Officer and sworn in by Chief of Police Lauria.

### Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to remove Item #11 from the agenda and place it on the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda. Motion unanimously adopted.

### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

2. City Manager report on pending items;
  - a. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
3. Airport Joint Operations and Management Board Meeting Minutes. (December)
4. Traffic Control Committee Meeting Minutes. (December)
5. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes. (December)
6. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (January)
7. Communication from Robert Backus in opposition to Special Assessment District #2-22.

Moved by Commissioner Busch and seconded by Commissioner Eke to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

8. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held January 24, 2022, as amended.
9. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held January 24, 2022.
10. Receive recommended text change to Section 154.414 of the City of Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to update band sign standards and delete reference to downtown Mt. Pleasant signage design guidelines and set a public hearing for Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
11. (Removed from the agenda and postponed until March 14, 2022 meeting.)

12. Bid of Insight Pipe Contracting of Harmony, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$137,402 for the 2022 Sewer Relining Project and budget amendment in the amount of \$26,260 for same.
13. Warrants dated January 24 & 27 and February 2, 9 & 10, 2022 and Payrolls dated January 21 and February 4, 2022 all totaling \$1,265,009.98.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Assmann, Busch, Cyman, Eke, Perschbacher & Ronan  
NAYS: None  
ABSENT: None  
Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on Special Assessment District 1-22, reconstruct the alley in the block between Michigan, Main, Broadway & University in the City to consider approval of Resolution #5 to approve the roll and set the payment terms. Attorney Robert Backus, 115 S. University Ave., expressed his opposition to Special Assessment District 2-22 as it provides no increased value to his property.

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

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Eke to adopt Resolution #5 for Special Assessment District 1-22 as presented.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 1-22  
RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the City Commission held a public hearing on February 14, 2022 after due and legal notice and reviewed the special assessment roll to defray Special Assessment District No. 1-22, share of the cost of certain public expenditures, described as reconstruct the alley in the block between Michigan, Main, Broadway & University in the City Special Assessment District No. 1-22; 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 \$142,000.00 with \$62,812.85 being paid by the properties specifically benefited and with \$79,187.15 paid by the city-at-large is hereby confirmed.
2. Said special assessment roll is payable in thirteen (13) 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, Busch, Cyman, Eke, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioner Assmann

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on Special Assessment District 2-22, reconstruct the alley between Broadway and Michigan from University to 115.5 feet east of Franklin in the City to consider approval of Resolution #5 to approve the roll and set the payment terms. Attorney Robert Backus, 115 S. University Ave., indicated that his earlier comments from Item #14 stand for this District. Communication in opposition of the special assessment received from Attorney Backus listed in Receipt of Petitions and Communications section of the Minutes.

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

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Ronan to adopt Resolution #5 for Special Assessment District 2-22.

#### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2-22

#### RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the City Commission held a public hearing on February 14, 2022 after due and legal notice and reviewed the special assessment roll to defray Special Assessment District No. 2-22, share of the cost of certain public expenditures, described as reconstruct the alley between Broadway and Michigan from University to 115.5 feet east of Franklin in the City Special Assessment District No. 2-22; 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 \$132,000.00 with \$53586.96 being paid by the properties specifically benefited and with \$78,413.04 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.

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AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Busch, Cyman, Eke, Perschbacher & Ronan

NAYS: Commissioner Assmann

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

### Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Ronan would like the Police Related Citizens Complaint Report posted to the City website.

Mayor Perschbacher announced the following activities and welcomed the public to participate: Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Match on Main, applications due by March 5<sup>th</sup>. For information and an application visit <https://www.miplace.org/small-business/match-on-main/application/>; Art Reach Festival of Banners. Entry deadline is February 18<sup>th</sup>. For information visit <https://www.artreachcenter.org/festival-of-banners>; and Central Michigan International Film Festival. The cost is \$5.00. More information is available at <https://cmfilmfest.com>. She further encouraged community involvement by applying for the many vacancies on the City's Boards and Commissions. [http://www.mt-pleasant.org/boards\\_and\\_commissions/](http://www.mt-pleasant.org/boards_and_commissions/).

Commissioner Busch announced Mt. Pleasant High School will be presenting The SpongeBob Musical, March 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>; the cost is \$10.00.

City Manager Desentz stated that he reached out to the owner of Taco Boy regarding the upcoming Planning Commission review and indicated there will be no enforcement at this time for continued operation of the drive through window. He further stated that a hearing on HB5586 is anticipated in the next couple of weeks in regard to the deed restrictions on the Mt. Pleasant City Property.

### Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Deb Carey, 309 W. Michigan St., Mt. Pleasant is excited about the marijuana ordinance discussion on the work session agenda this evening and the suggestion of reciprocity. She reminded the Commission that there is community support for this which

was previously displayed through petitions from business owners and the prior citizen petition that did not make the ballot.

The Commission recessed at 7:59 p.m. and went into Work Session at 8:08 p.m.

**WORK SESSION:**

16. Discussion on the City's Medical Marihuana Facilities and Adult-Use Marihuana Establishments ordinances.

Discussion ensued.

17. Discussion on Childcare Stabilization Grant expenses.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

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Heather Bouck, City Clerk