

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:00 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, City Clerk Heather Bouck and City Attorney Leslie Abdo

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Correspondence from Community Services and Economic Development Director Bill Mrdeza and Community Services and Economic Development Assistant Director Jacob Kain regarding Housing Study next steps and the Phase II report from Dr. Colarelli.

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

3. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 14, 2022.
4. Reappointment of Rachel Blizzard to the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Board.
5. Authorize contract for 2022 Pavement Marking Project to M&M Pavement Marking of Grand Blanc, Michigan in the amount of \$27,339.40 and approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$4,540.
6. Set a public hearing for Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments related to Green Tree Cooperative Grocery, Inc.'s performance as required under the CDBG-RLF program.
7. Amendment to the 2022 budget in the amount of \$895,460 for engineering services on the WRRF rehabilitation project.
8. Warrants dated February 16, 17 & 23, 2022 and Payrolls dated February 18, 2022 all totaling \$700,975.78.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve the spending plan for PEAK Childcare Stabilization Grant funds as presented and move forward with placing the reimbursed funds into fund balance to ensure the sustainability

and long-term health of the PEAK program. A 2022 budget amendment to cover staff recruitment/retention payments and 2022 additional staffing costs, supplies, and contracted services as well as a budget amendment for required bonuses to be paid upon acceptance of the grant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ronan and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to award the contract for the 2022 Sidewalk Project to The Isabella Corporation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$132,880 with a budget amendment of \$27, 510 transferred from the major streets funds into the general fund budget. Motion unanimously adopted.

Review of Downtown Alley Reconstruction Fire Suppression Evaluation by City Engineer Stacie Tewari. No action required at this time.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Busch announced the formation of a new organization to assist with the stray cat population in the community. Anyone interested in more information can contact her.

Mayor Perschbacher encouraged those who are not fully vaccinated to do so as the vaccination rates remain low.

The Commission recessed at 7:29 p.m. and went into work session at 7:41 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Discussion on development philosophy.

Mayor Perschbacher provided a presentation on a developmental philosophy and steps for problem solving.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ronan thanked the additional attendees at the meeting this evening including staff members Brian Kench, Jacob Kain, William Mrdeza; Planning Commission Chairperson, Lesley Hoenig, and Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson, Lara Raisanen.

Moved by Commissioner Busch and seconded by Commissioner Eke to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk