

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 27, 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

Commissioners Absent: George Ronan

Others Present: City Manager Aaron Desentz, City Clerk Heather Bouck & City Attorney Michael Homier (via Zoom)

### Proclamations and Presentations

Public Safety Director Paul Lauria administered the Oath of Office to new hire Mason Nash.

Director Moore introduced Water Distribution Operator Steve Wassegijig.

Kaylee Beltinck provided information and recognition to the Foster Care Program offered by Listening Ear which provides support to foster children and their foster parents. Visit [listeningear.com](http://listeningear.com) for more information.

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

Commissioner Eke asked that staff bring back to a future agenda, recognition of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the City's commitment to their history.

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

4. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held June 13, 2022.
5. Airport Joint Operations and Management Board Meeting Minutes. (May)
6. Bid of Prolime Corporation of Washington, Michigan in the amount of \$429,000 for 2022 Lime Residuals Removal and budget amendment.
7. Award contract for planning services to McKenna Associates and authorize the Mayor to sign same.
8. Resolution approving the transfer of the adult-use marijuana retailer license currently located at 1005 Corporate Drive to 1207 E. Pickard St. as follows:
  - WHEREAS, 3967 Euclid LLC received final authorization for an adult-use marijuana retailer at 1005 Corporate on January 22, 2021; and
  - WHEREAS, Section 115.04(A) of the Mount Pleasant City Code of Ordinances states that an existing establishment may be moved to a new

location in the city, subject to applicable zoning regulations, prior City Commission approval, and approval by LARA; and

WHEREAS, Section 115.04(A) of the Mount Pleasant City Code of Ordinances further states that in deciding whether to approve a new location for an existing establishment, the City Commission shall consider the following nonexclusive factors: (1) The impact of the establishment's new location on the community as a whole; and (2) The existing establishment's compliance with city ordinances and with state law and administrative rules; and WHEREAS, 3967 Euclid LLC has requested the transfer of their retailer license from 1005 Corporate to 1207 E. Pickard; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant approved a special use permit for an adult-use marihuana retailer at 1207 E. Pickard on June 2, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The City Commission of the City of Mount Pleasant finds that the establishment's proposed location at 1207 E. Pickard will not have a detrimental effect on the community as a whole.

2. The City Commission of the City of Mount Pleasant finds that the current establishment at 1005 Corporate is in compliance with city ordinances and with state law and administrative rules.

3. 3967 Euclid LLC's request under Section 115.04(A) to transfer their adult-use retailer license from 1005 Corporate Drive to 1207 E. Pickard is granted.

9. Resolution approving the transfer of the adult-use marihuana retailer license to H & G Ventures LLC as follows:

WHEREAS, 3967 Euclid LLC received final authorization for an adult-use marihuana retailer at 1005 Corporate on January 22, 2021; and WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant approved the transfer of that license from 1005 Corporate to 1207 E. Pickard on June 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Section 115.04(B) of the Mount Pleasant City Code of Ordinances states that a license for an existing establishment may be transferred to a new licensee that intends to continue operating at the same location, subject to approval by City Commission and LARA; and

WHEREAS, 3967 Euclid LLC has requested the transfer of their retailer license to H & G Ventures LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. 3967 Euclid LLC's request under Section 115.04(B) to transfer their adult-use retailer license from 3967 Euclid LLC to H & G Ventures LLC is granted.

10. Warrants dated June 7, 15 & 17, 2022 and Payrolls dated June 10, 2022 all totaling \$1,296,402.21.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve resolution approving charter amendment ballot language to change the term of office for City Commission members and hold elections on even years.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter, the City of Mt. Pleasant has the authority to amend the City Charter in a manner prescribed by the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ask voters to approve an amendment to Article II, Section 4 of the City Charter to increase the term of office from three (3) years to four (4) years and eliminate the requirement the Commissioners to be elected in groups of three; if approved, this amendment would lengthen the term of office for each Commission member and require elections only in even years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant desires to follow the statutory process to place the ballot proposal on the ballot at the November 8, 2022 election as follows.

THEREFORE, the City Commission of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, resolves as follows:

1. Pursuant to the authority granted by at least a 3/5 vote of the City Commission, the City resolves to present to the electors of the City of Mt. Pleasant at the November 8, 2022 election, a proposal to amend the City Charter as follows:

a. **Purpose of Amendment:** The purpose of the amendment is as follows:

This amendment will amend Article II, Section 4 of the City Charter of the City of Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County, Michigan, to increase the term for each City Commission office from three (3) years to four (4) years and to change the staggering of office terms so that there are two groups, one of three (3) and one of four (4), who are elected in even years; if approved, this amendment would lengthen the term of office for each Commission member and require elections only in even years.

b. **Wording of Proposed Amendment:** Article II, Section 4 of the City Charter would be amended to read as follows:

(A) The seven (7) Commissioners shall be elected in two (2) groups, one group of three (3) and one group of (4). The term of each Commissioner shall commence on the first day of January following election and shall last for four (4) years, except as provided for in Article II, Section 4(B).

(B) The terms of office for Commissioners who are currently in office at the time of this Charter amendment shall be as follows:

(1) For the two (2) offices that expire on December 31, 2023, there shall be an election in November 2023 for a three (3) year term each of which shall expire on December 31, 2026.

(2) For the three offices that expire on December 31, 2024, there shall be an election in November 2024 for a four (4) year term each of which shall expire on December 31, 2028.

(3) For the two offices that expire on December 31, 2022, there shall be an election in November 2022 for a three (3) year term; however, those terms shall be extended by one year each and shall both expire on December 31, 2026.

(4) After the terms of office provided in this Section B have expired, the terms of the office shall be as provided in Article II, Section 4(A).

c. **Statement of the Current Wording of Section to be Amended:** The existing language of Article II, Section 4 of the City Charter currently reads as follows:

The seven (7) Commissioners shall be elected in three (3) groups, one group of three (3) and two (2) groups of two (2). The term of each Commissioner shall commence on the first day of January following election and shall last for three (3) years, except as provided for in Article XV, Section 5.

- d. **Form in which the Amendment Shall Appear on the Ballot:** The proposed Amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the following form:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 4 OF THE  
CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MT. PLEASANT**

The proposed amendment to Article II, Section 4 would increase the terms for City Commission members from three years to four years, and change the staggering of member terms so that there are two groups, one of three and one of four, who are elected in even years instead of the current requirement of electing commission members for three-year terms in groups of two and three in both odd and even years

Shall Article II, Section 4 of the City Charter be so amended?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

2. The City Clerk is authorized and directed to promptly submit the proposed amendment to the Governor of the State of Michigan for his/her approval and transmit a copy of the foregoing Statement of Purpose of such proposed amendment to the Attorney General of the State of Michigan for his/her approval, as required by law.

3. Once approved by the Governor and the Attorney General, the City Clerk is authorized and directed to promptly submit this resolution along with the above ballot language to the County Clerk so that the charter proposition may be included on the November 8, 2022 election ballot.

4. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Mt. Pleasant at the regular City election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 and the City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice of election and notice of registration therefor in the manner prescribed by law and to do all things and provide all supplies necessary to submit such charter amendment to the vote of the electors as required by law.

5. The City Clerk is directed to publish the proposed amendment in full, together with the existing charter provision altered or abrogated thereby, as required by law.

6. The City Commission reserves the right to amend the ballot proposal in the event the Attorney General or Governor recommend such amendment, the amended ballot proposal is approved by the City Commission as provided by law, and the Mayor has the authority to approve such amendments.

7. Any Resolution that is in conflict with this resolution is hereby rescinded.  
Motion unanimously adopted.

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

Commissioner Busch announced there is a petition for reproductive freedom available for signature at the Stadium Mall Monday thru Friday from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. for those who wish to sign.

Commissioner Alsager was touched by the turn out at the rally held on Sunday.

Mayor Perschbacher commented that all government level decisions effect everyone. Be kind. Work toward re-establishing rights removed from us.

Work Session - Downtown Parking

A discussion took place regarding Downtown parking. Focus was directed at parking management rather than quantity of spaces.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

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Heather Bouck, City Clerk