

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 11, 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 (arrived 7:02 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Maurene Eke & George Ronan

Others Present: City Manager Aaron Desentz, City Clerk Heather Bouck & City Attorney Michael Homier

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

Public Input on Agenda Items

Bree Moeggenberg, Mt. Pleasant, expressed her thanks to Bill Mrdeza for his return phone call and explanation behind the proposed amendments regarding child care centers and group day care homes. Ms. Moeggenberg shared her support for the changes.

Alex Swick, 1703 Pickard St., showed his appreciation for the engine braking discussion on tonight's agenda.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.

Consent Items

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

2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held June 27, 2022.
3. Resolution authorizing Michigan Art and Cultural Council 2023 arts project mini-grant submission for painting the intersections as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant working with community partners wishes to expand the Paint the Pavement public art project in downtown to help serve the community's arts for the fiscal year 2022, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed Paint the Pavement project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City's current Master Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2023 Paint the Pavement project and grant application were discussed at a public meeting of the Mt. Pleasant City Commission held July 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. , and;

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant has committed to providing \$1,000 in-kind funds toward the project cost from City staff for assistance in event planning, logistics, and road closures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mt. Pleasant City Commission hereby approves submittal of a 2023 Michigan Arts and Cultural Council grant application for the 2023 Paint the Pavement project.

4. Appoint Sarah Parrott, Executive Assistant for the Human Resources Department as the Officer Delegate to represent the City at the 2022 MERS Annual Meeting to be held in Traverse City, Michigan on September 26-27, 2022 and appoint Susanne Gandy, Director of Human Resources as the alternate.
5. Purchase of a Vacall 2023 model street sweeper through the Sourcewell government purchasing program in the amount of \$347,257.
6. Purchase of a Ventrac 2023 model tractor from Spartan Distributors in the amount of \$52,303 which includes trade-in value of current Polar Trac equipment.
7. Warrants dated June 29, 2022 and Payrolls dated June 24, 2022 all totaling \$1,152,376.33.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to §154.410.B.4 and table 154.410.A of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances regarding child care centers and group day care homes. There being no comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Vice Mayor Cyman that Ordinance 1082, an Ordinance to amend §154.410.B.4 and table 154.410.A of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances regarding child care centers and group day care homes having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Assmann, Busch, Cyman & Perschbacher

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Eke & Ronan

Motion unanimously adopted.

City Manager Desentz provided a presentation of the proposed 2023 Goals and Objectives.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adopt the 2023 goals and objectives as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

A discussion was held on adding a land acknowledgement statement to the agenda.

Consensus of the Commission is to provide a resolution for adoption at a future meeting and a statement to be read prior to each meeting going forward. Motion unanimously adopted.

Discussion regarding enforcement, speed limits, geography and attorney opinion in regards to the Motor Vehicle Code. Director Lauria will consult with the Michigan State Police and report his findings to the Commission.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Busch raised an interest in having a discussion to permit backyard hens within the City limits as a future agenda item.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Doug Collins, 413 Winchester Towers, would like to see noise matter enforced.

Bree Moeggenberge, Mt. Pleasant, would like to receive feedback from her prior concern of vetting City Employees.

Kelly Fountain, 812 S. Franklin, expressed her frustration with the brake noise as it was a cause for her to move from 1609 E. High St.

Moved by Commissioner Busch and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to conduct a closed session pursuant to Section 8(1)E of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the City Attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation in Pure Releaf N Union LLC v City of Mount Pleasant, 20-16511; Cedjo Services & N-East Services v City of Mount Pleasant, 20-16504; and Cary Investments v City of Mount Pleasant, Court of Appeals Case No. 357862, for the reason that an open meeting would have detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the City; and, pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h), discuss written confidential legal opinions with the City Attorney which are exempt from disclosure by state or federal statute.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Assmann, Busch, Cyman & Perschbacher

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Eke & Ronan

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commission recessed at 7:56 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

The Commission went into a closed session at 8:03 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 8:58 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk