

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 8, 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 & Maureen Eke

Commissioners Absent: Liz Busch & George Ronan

Others Present: City Manager Aaron Desentz, Deputy City Clerk Chris Saladine

Proclamations and Presentations

Director Moore introduced Water Plant Operators Alexander Swick and Zach Griffith.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

2. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
3. Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) March Meeting Minutes.
4. Zoning Board of Appeals April Meeting Minutes.
5. Airport Joint Operations and Management Board June Meeting Minutes.

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

6. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held July 25, 2022.
7. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held July 25, 2022.
8. Purchase from JWC Environmental of Santa Ana, California of a rebuilt 2022 grinder assembly in the amount of \$29,452. \$16,500 of the total cost is covered by a 2% grant from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe.
9. Waive fees for Downtown Pitch Competition being held November 9, 2022. Total fees and charges not to exceed \$2,500.
10. Warrants dated July 15 & 27, 2022 and Payrolls dated July 22, 2022 all totaling \$2,206,052.44.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Assmann and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to add a second YSU Officer position.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Assmann & Eke

NAYS: Commissioners Cyman & Perschbacher

ABSENT: Commissioners Busch & Ronan

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Eke to approve the following resolution approving the Downtown Mt. Pleasant Social District and budget amendment for same.

WHEREAS, Michigan Public Act 124 of 2020 was signed into law on July 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the law allows Michigan municipalities to establish Social Districts that allow for Commons Areas where two or more contiguous licensed establishments could sell alcoholic beverages in special cups to be taken into the Commons Areas for consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Mt. Pleasant Social District would be created and managed by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Mt. Pleasant Social District boundaries are generally described in the map attached hereto as Exhibit A, and generally include the following: the sidewalks on the south boundary of the intersection of Main and Washington Streets and Illinois, north to Main Street and Lincoln Street. The east boundary shall be from Broadway and Mosher Streets and Franklin Street, west to Broadway Street at the railroad tracks and Michigan Street to Oak Street. Also included are the public parks and plazas (current and future) that are within the designated Social District, as well as the parking lots and city streets within the designated Social District that are not included in the qualified licensees' premises, when determined by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant will follow all stipulations of Michigan Public Act 124 of 2020 and follow established best practices in the creation and maintenance of the Social District; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Downtown Mt. Pleasant Social District will assist our downtown businesses in adapting to the social distancing recommendations of the COVID-19 crisis as well as attract customers for enhanced outdoor dining and entertainment experiences in downtown Mt. Pleasant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all commons areas will contain signage that defines and clearly marks the boundaries of the space. In addition, the commons areas will be maintained in a manner that protects the health and safety of the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Mt. Pleasant will establish local management and maintenance plans, including, but not limited to, hours of operation, for any commons area, and the City of Mt. Pleasant will submit said plans to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these social districts and commons areas shall remain in effect until the designation of a social district/commons area is revoked via resolution of the Mt. Pleasant City Commission after a public hearing;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee for application will be \$250;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee shall be waived until January 1, 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Mt. Pleasant City Commission does hereby approve the creation of the Downtown Mt. Pleasant Social District as depicted in the attached map (Exhibit A) and generally described above for consideration by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, and further resolve to designate the above referenced local licensees to proceed with their applications their application to the State of Michigan for Social District Permits which will allow them to sell alcoholic beverages that will be consumed in the Commons Area of the Social District.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Superintendent Jennifer Verleger thanked the Commission for discussion of and support for additional YSU Officer.

Boomer Wingard, 119 Broadway, introduced himself to the community and Commission as a candidate for City Commission on the November, 2022 ballot.

The Commission recessed at 7:40 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:50 p.m.

Work Session - Housing Discussion

A discussion took place regarding potential housing program.

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

Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

Chris Saladine, Deputy City Clerk