

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 23, 2023, 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.

Land Acknowledgement statement was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Amy Perschbacher and Vice Mayor Mary Alsager; Commissioners Brian Assman, Bryan Chapman, Maureen Eke & Boomer Wingard

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Liz Busch

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

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Interim Fire Chief Doug Lobsinger introduced new Code Enforcement Officer Michael Lopez.

City Manager Desentz provided a review of the 2022 Goals and Objectives.

#### Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to add Item #15b - Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution to the Consent Calendar; and to delete Item #20 - Consider closed session pursuant to subsection 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a written confidential legal opinion with the City Attorney. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion unanimously adopted.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

3. Fourth Quarter Investment Report.
4. Planning Commission November Meeting Minutes.
5. Listing of payrolls and warrants from December 13, 2022 through January 8, 2023.
6. Report on Building Permits for December 2022.
7. Crisis and Trauma Response Clinician Report for 2022.

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

8. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held January 9, 2023.
9. Resolution in support of final approval of Temporary Traffic Control Order #1-2023 as presented:

WHEREAS, under the date of March 24, 2022, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 1-2023 (Relocate “No Parking Here to Corner” sign from south side to north side of driveway at 122 South Washington. Place “No Parking Sign” at northwest corner of Michigan and Washington in place of relocated sign). Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on January 23, 2023, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 1-2023 a permanent traffic control order.

10. Resolution in support of final approval of Temporary Traffic Control Order #2-2023 as presented:

WHEREAS, under the date of August 24, 2022, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 2-2023:

Place “No Parking Signs” on west side of Deming and the north side of Edgewood around the corner and approaches to the corner only to allow larger vehicles, buses and snowplows to pass around the corner.

Place “No Parking Signs” on the north side of Edgewood Drive at the corner (near 700 Edgewood) to allow vehicle turning.

Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on January 23, 2023, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 2-2023 a permanent traffic control order.

11. Receive request to create an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) District to include the Mission-Pickard DDA boundary and set a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
12. Receive proposed ordinance to amend Chapter 116 Subsection 03(B)(12) of Title XI: Business Regulations of the City’s Code of Ordinances entitled “Electric Scooters/Skateboards” and set a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
13. Set a special meeting for discussion on goals and objectives for Monday, February 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Bldg., 804 E. High St.
14. Set a special meeting for follow-up discussion on goals and objectives for Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Bldg., 804 E. High St.
15. Warrants dated January 13 and 19, 2023 all totaling \$1,787,842.36.
- 15b. Resolution adopting the Isabella County Hazard Mitigation Plan as follows:  
WHEREAS the City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan is at risk from hazards that could damage commercial, residential, and public properties, displace citizens and businesses, close streets and bridges, divide the community both

physically and emotionally, and present general public health and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS the community has prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan that outlines the community's options to reduce overall damage and impact from natural and technological hazards; and

WHEREAS representatives of the community, residents, and businesses have reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Plan and it meets the federal, state, and local guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Isabella County Hazard Mitigation Plan along with any required changes by the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA), is hereby adopted as an official plan by the City of Mt. Pleasant.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Chapman and seconded by Commissioner Eke to update guidelines/criteria for Neighborhood Enhancement Grants as part of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and increase the project cap to \$11,000; waive the requirement for 25% homeowner match on the projects, and issue refunds to those that paid the 25% match to ensure fair treatment among participants in Round 6.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Assmann, Chapman, Eke, Perschbacher & Wingard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Busch

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Perschbacher made the following appointments of City administrative officials to the following boards and commissions:

Building Authority

Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl

9-1-1/Central Dispatch Governing Board

Interim Fire Chief Doug Lobsinger

Police Captain Brandon Bliss, alternate

Isabella County Material Recovery Facility,

Governing Board

Public Works Director Jason Moore

Street Department Superintendent Matt Weaver, alternate

MML Legislative Coordinator

City Manager Aaron Desentz

Mid-Michigan Area Cable and Telecommunications  
Consortium Board

Public Relations Director Darcy Orlik

Middle Michigan Development Corporation

City Manager Aaron Desentz

Economic Development Director Bill Mrdeza, alternate

Mayor Perschbacher made the following appointments to City boards and commissions.

Appointments Committee

Mary Alsager-Chair

Maureen Eke

Brian Assmann

Central Michigan Center for Recovery,  
Education, and Wellness (CMCREW)

Liz Busch

Charter Committee

Mary Alsager, Chair

Bryan Chapman

Boomer Wingard

Council of Governments

Mary Alsager

Intergovernmental Liaison

Maureen Eke

Liz Busch, alternate

International Relations/Sister City Council

Maureen Eke

Liz Busch, alternate

Mt. Pleasant Area Diversity Council

Liz Busch

Property Committee

Brian Assmann, Chair

Amy Perschbacher

Brian Chapman

Mayor Perschbacher made the following appointments of City Commissioners to City standing and special committees as follows:

Audit Committee

Amy Perschbacher

Bryan Chapman

Brian Assmann, alternate

City/CMU Student Liaison Committee

Mary Alsager

Brian Assmann

Economic Development Corporation

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

Amy Perschbacher

Mary Alsager

Principal Shopping Board

Boomer Wingard

Tax Increment Finance Authority

Brian Assmann

Announcements on City-Related Issues And New Business

Commissioner Eke announced that CMU will be honoring Jewish Heritage Week. Discussions will take place regarding the Holocaust and marking Holocaust Remembrance Day this month. She encourages everyone to be welcoming and inclusive.

Commissioner Wingard announced that the Isabella/Gratiot Technical Center will be hosting an annual Open House on February 2, 2023 from 5:30 – 7:30.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the strategy and negotiation sessions connected with negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

AYES: Commissioners Alsager, Assman, Chapman, Eke, Perschbacher & Wingard

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Busch

Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commission recessed at 7:38 p.m. and went into Work Session at 7:48 p.m.

WORK SESSION - Presentation and discussion on Property Standards.

Interim Fire Chief Lobsinger presented and led a discussion regarding the International Property Management Code.

The Commission recessed at 8:24 p.m. and went into Closed Session at 8:28 p.m.

Closed session ended at 8:39 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

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Heather Bouck, City Clerk