

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 10, 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 (7:03p.m.); Commissioners Brian Assmann, Bryan Chapman, Maureen Eke & Boomer Wingard

Commissioners Absent: Liz Busch

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

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Assistant Police Chief Bliss introduced and swore in Mt. Pleasant Police Officer Cole McGregor.

#### Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item #8, "Public Hearing To Amend Chapter 110: General Licensing of the Code of Ordinances." Motion unanimously adopted.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

2. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.

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

3. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held March 27, 2023.
4. Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Standard Lighting Contract with Consumers Energy for removing streetlights at no cost to the City at Packard and Pickard (M-20) for MDOT road reconstruction.
5. Budget amendment from the General Fund Assigned Balance for Economic Initiatives in the amount of \$17,500 for downtown visual enhancements.
6. Receive proposed 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan and set public hearing for May 22, 2023 on same.
7. Warrants dated March 29, and April 6, 2023 all totaling \$296,313.07.

Motion unanimously adopted.

City Manager Desentz gave a presentation on 2024 Goals and Objectives. No action taken. Request by Commission to add language on diversity and inclusion.

Downtown Development Director Sponseller gave a presentation on the 2023 downtown strategic plan.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Assmann to adopt the proposed downtown master plan. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Chapman and seconded by Commissioner Eke to set a public hearing for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. on the Public Gathering Spaces Initiative grant proposal as required by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Assmann to approve the Broadway Central concept as proposed for 2023 and allow staff to engage in discussions with business owners on the expansion of outdoor seating opportunities. Motion unanimously adopted.

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

Commissioner Eke encouraged visiting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the CMU Library to view the display of student posters depicting Genocide.

Commissioner Wingard announced that April 21<sup>st</sup> is a trap event for the Central Cat Coalition. More information can be found at [centralcatcoalition.org](http://centralcatcoalition.org).

Commissioner Chapman stated the Care Store has fundraising raffle tickets available for \$20.00 each.

#### Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Chief Lauria phoned in to the meeting to express his congratulations to Officer McGregor.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Wingard to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

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Heather Bouck, City Clerk