

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 24, 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 Assmann, Liz Busch, Maureen Eke & Boomer Wingard

Commissioners Absent: Bryan Chapman

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

### Proclamations and Presentations

Public Works Director Jason Moore introduced Zoe DeFeyter, Water Resource Recovery Facility (WFR) Operator.

City Planner Manuela Powidayko gave a presentation recognizing 2023 Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Academy participants and Mayor Perschbacher handed out certificates.

Mayor Perschbacher read and presented a Proclamation to Director Moore recognizing Workers Memorial Day April 28, 2023.

Mayor Perschbacher read and presented a Proclamation to Director Moore recognizing Public Works Week May 21 - 27, 2023.

Middle Michigan Development Corporation's CEO/President Jim McBryde presented the 2022 Annual Report.

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

### Public Input on Agenda Items

Eric Urbaniak, 920 Appian Way, Apt 4, Founding Member of Central Sustainability, spoke in regard to the cities goals and objectives. He offered to assist the City in having a sustainability plan to address climate change and expand sustainability goals.

### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

6. First Quarter Investment Report.

7. Planning Commission March Meeting Minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Busch 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 April 10, 2023.
9. Enhanced Access to Public Records Policy and resolution setting fees for same:

WHEREAS pursuant to the authority of the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act, 1996 P.A.462, the City Commission adopted an "Enhanced Access to Public Records Policy" on April 24, 2023; and

WHEREAS the City Commission shall extend the coverage of this policy to specific public record by adopting, by resolution, a fee schedule for enhanced access to a public record;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following schedule of fees for GIS products and services be approved, effective immediately:

Printed Maps

Standard color maps - 24" x 36" - \$25.00/system

Parcel maps - ¼ section x ¼ section map set - 1,500.00

Additional system maps printed on ¼ section x ¼ section base map - \$200/system

Digital Maps

Parcel map -\$2,000

Additional map layers -\$1,000/system

Specialized custom maps - \$65.00/hour with a minimum charge of \$200.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following schedule of fees for other electronic data bases maintained by the City, such as BS&A, Cemetery & ESO, be approved, effective immediately:

Parcel data (city wide) \$1,500.00

Additional systems \$1,000/system

10. Payrolls and Warrants dated April 14 & 20, 2023 all totaling \$539,610.40.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Held a public hearing on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Public Gathering Spaces Initiative grant application. Communication from Annessa Haist, Executive Director of Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission, 1 W. Mosher St. questioning aspects of the project. There being no other public comments or communications received, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve the following resolution in support of Public Gathering Spaces Initiative grant application:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Public Gathering Spaces Initiative (PGSI) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant desires to request \$1,568,462 in CDBG funds for a Town Center Civic Space project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant commits local funds from its General Fund in the amount of \$710,000; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 63.57 percent of the residents of the City of Mt. Pleasant are low and moderate income persons as determined by census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development OR an income survey approved by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incure costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mt. Pleasant hereby designates Amy Perschbacher, Mayor as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Chapman

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Wingard and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adopt the proposed 2024 goals and objectives with the addition of adopting a climate change plan. Motion unanimously adopted.

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

Commissioner Busch reminded residents that the month of May is “No Mow May”; May 20<sup>th</sup> is household hazardous waste collection at the Isabella County Fairgrounds; and free paper shredding is available through Isabella Bank May 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 – noon at the South Mission Street location.

Commissioner Wingard reminded residents of the City Ordinance prohibiting grass longer than 12” high. He thanked the Commission for their cooperation with goals and for including climate change language. He would like to extend his appreciation to City staff for the placement of GI-TEC students with workers in the City.

Mayor Perschbacher announced that a few Commissioners attended the MML CAPCON Conference in Lansing last week. The Mayor attended a session on diversity, equity and inclusion in the workplace and a session on the implementation of Prop 2.

Vice Mayor Alsager commented that she attended a conference session on hiring practices. Retirements are high and encouragement of young people to get involved is important. She also attended a session on homelessness.

Manager Desentz commented that he attended a conference session on new housing tools in your community which presented ideas such as PILOT and NEZ and the like. There is new legislation pending to allow a TIFA Zone for infrastructure to provide affordable housing. He also attended a session on transportation in your community and related programs in relation to an active AMTRAK line. Overall, he remains optimistic.

The commission recessed at 8:06 p.m. and when into a work session at 8:16 p.m.

WORK SESSION – Presentation and discussion on 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

Assistant Finance Director/IT Director Chris Saladine led a discussion on the 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

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Heather Bouck, City Clerk