

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan with virtual options.

Vice Mayor Alsager called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Land Acknowledgement statement was recited.

Commissioners Present: Vice Mayor Mary Alsager; Commissioners Brian Assmann, Liz Busch, Bryan Chapman, Maureen Eke & Boomer Wingard

Commissioners Absent: Mayor Amy Perschbacher

Others Present: City Manager Aaron Desentz and Deputy City Clerk Mary Ann Kornexl

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Assistant Finance Director Christopher Saladine introduced new City Treasurer/ Assistant Finance Officer Chris Witmer.

Vice Mayor Alsager read a Proclamation recognizing Juneteenth Celebration Day "June 19, 2023".

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

3. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
4. Resignation of Easton Hamel from the Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. Traffic Control Commission March Minutes.
6. Airport Joint Operations and Management Board April Meeting Minutes.
7. Planning Commission May Meeting Minutes.

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 May 22, 2023.
9. 2024-2029 Capital Improvement Plan.
10. Resolution granting a nine month extension of Rio's Happy Tree's conditional authorization under Section 115.03(f)(3) which requires the applicant to obtain a State Operating License within 18 months of receiving conditional authorization. The current deadline is July 10, 2024, and the requested deadline extension of nine months would therefore be April 10, 2025 to operate both a Class A Adult Use Grower and Recreational Retail Establishment at 1012 N. Lansing Street.

WHEREAS Rio's Happy Tree received a conditional authorization for a Class A Adult-Use Marihuana Grower and Adult Use Marihuana Retailer on January 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Section 115.03(F) of the Mount Pleasant City Code of Ordinances requires the City Clerk to grant final authorization for conditionally authorized recreational marihuana establishments if the applicant (1) Submits the paperwork for the establishment-specific step of the application for a state operating license to LARA within 30 days of receiving conditional authorizations; (2) Submits an application for special use authorization pursuant to Section 154.410(B)(4)(p) of the zoning ordinance within 30 days of receiving conditional authorization; (3) Obtains special use authorization within six months of receiving conditional authorization; and (4) Obtains a state operating license within 18 months of receiving conditional authorization; and

WHEREAS, Rio's Happy Tree has satisfied the requirements of sections 115.03(F)(2) and (3) of the Mount Pleasant City Code of Ordinances and obtained a Special Use Permit from the Planning Commission on February 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Rio's Happy Tree has not yet satisfied the requirements under Sections 115.03(F)(1) and (4); and

WHEREAS, the conditional authorizations granted to Rio's Happy Tree will otherwise expire because the applicant has not submitted the paperwork for the establishment-specific step of the application for a state operating license to LARA within 30 days of receiving conditional authorization as specified under Section 115.03(F)(1) and because the applicant has not obtained a state operating license within 18 months of receiving conditional authorization as specified under Section 115.03(f)(4); and

WHEREAS, Rio's Happy Tree has requested a nine (9) month extension to meet the requirements of Sections 115.03(F)(1) and (4) for cause as outlined in their May 31, 2023, request for extension; and

WHEREAS, Sections 115.03(G) of the Mount Pleasant City Code of Ordinances authorizes the City Commission to extend any of the deadlines required by Section 115.03(F) upon a showing of good cause.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The City Commission of the City of Mount Pleasant finds that Rio's Happy Tree has established good cause to extend the deadline to meet the requirements of Sections 115(F)(1) and (4).
2. Rio's Happy Tree's request under Section 115.03(G) for a nine-month extension to satisfy the requirements of Section 115.03(F)(1) for their Class A Adult-Use Marihuana Grower located 1012 N Lansing is granted and the deadline date to satisfy such requirements shall be April 10, 2025.
3. Rio's Happy Tree's request under Section 115.03(G) for a nine-month extension to satisfy the requirements for Section 115.03(f)(4) for the Adult-Use Retailer License located at 1012 N Lansing is granted and the deadline to satisfy such requirements shall be April 10, 2025.
4. Except as otherwise modified by this Resolution, all other deadlines established by Chapter 115 of the Mount Pleasant City Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect.

11. Payrolls and Warrants dated May 31 and June 1, 2023 all totaling \$512,416.39.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Discussion on a City information and engagement booth at the Mt. Pleasant Farmer's Market was held. City Manager Desentz will work with staff to develop a plan.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Eke announced Juneteenth activities on CMU's campus June 19, 2023.

Commissioner Busch announced deadline for Mt. Pleasant School Board seat is Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl announced that City Commission packets are available. Two seats open for term January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026. Filing deadline is Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. She commented that it has been a privilege and honor to serve the City for the last three decades and thanked the current Commission and previous Commissions for opportunity to serve.

WORK SESSION - OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Director of Planning & Community Development Manuela Powidayko gave a presentation and led a discussion on owner-occupied residential incentive program. The Commission is in agreement to not bring back the program.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Mary Alsager, Vice Mayor

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Mary Ann Kornexl, Deputy City Clerk