

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 14, 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, Vice Mayor Mary Alsager; Commissioners Brian Assmann, Bryan Chapman & Maureen Eke

Commissioners Absent: Liz Busch & Boomer Wingard

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

Moved by Commissioner Chapman and seconded by Commissioner Eke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Dee Obrect, Director of Isabella County Restoration House, 5048 N. Mission Rd., Rosebush, explained the difference between affordable housing and housing insecurity and provided statistical information on the housing needs in the area.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
2. Traffic Control Committee May Meeting Minutes.
3. Parks and Recreation Commission June Meeting Minutes.
4. Planning Commission July Meeting Minutes.
5. Communication from resident James Wilmot regarding Mosher Street.
6. Notice of Temporary Traffic Control Order #5-2023.

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

7. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held July 24, 2023;
8. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held July 24, 2023;
9. Payrolls and Warrants dated July 17, 26, & 28, 2023 and August 7 & 10, 2023 all totaling \$4,020,880.47.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Held a public hearing on proposed Ordinance to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and amend Title IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS; Chapter 96. NUISANCES; Title XV: LAND USAGE, Chapter 150. BUILDING REGULATIONS and Chapter

152. *HOUSING LICENSING CODE* of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to align with the new property maintenance standards.

Joe Wentworth, 704 S. University expressed his concerns with homeowners being able to maintain the Code requirements and feels the IPMC is an overreach.

There being no additional public comments or communications received, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Assmann that Ordinance 1089, an Ordinance to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) and amend Title IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS; Chapter 96. *NUISANCES*; Title XV: LAND USAGE, Chapter 150. *BUILDING REGULATIONS* and Chapter 152. *HOUSING LICENSING CODE* of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to align with the new property maintenance standards having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Busch & Wingard

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Alsager and seconded by Commissioner Eke to appoint Mayor Perschbacher as the voting delegate and Vice Mayor Alsager as alternate for the Michigan Municipal League (MML) 2023 Annual Convention. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Chapman and seconded by Commissioner Eke to approve the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity (MI-LEO) Michigan Community Center Grant Resolution as follows and direct staff to sign all grant documentation as necessary.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of Mt. Pleasant supports the submission of an application titled, Island Park South/Farmers' Market Pavilion Replacement to the MI Community Center grant program and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant is hereby making a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$125,000 in matching, in-kind funds, and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Commission hereby authorizes submission of a MI Community Center Grant Application for \$2,500,000, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$125,000 (4.76%) of a total \$2,625,000 project cost, during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Busch & Wingard

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Chapman to direct staff to negotiate terms of the proposed PILOT at 410 Mill St. and 200 Walnut St. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Mayor Perschbacher announced that she and Vice Mayor Alsager attended the Mayors' Convention held in Northville, Michigan. She commented that Northville has a great downtown and is a thriving area. Additionally, she announced Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Mid-Michigan Community College and Central Michigan University will be starting back to school soon and asks all residents to be kind and patient.

Commissioner Eke announced that the Isabella County Human Rights Committee will be sponsoring a Peace Event on September 23rd at Island Park commencing at 3 p.m. In addition, she asks that all residents be welcoming and helpful to the international students joining our community.

Moved by Commissioner Eke and seconded by Commissioner Chapman to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Amy Perschbacher, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk