

Regular Meeting of the Mt. Pleasant City Commission

Monday, March 24, 2025

7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT:

ROLL CALL:

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation from Mid-Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) President and CEO Kati Mora on 2024 Annual Report.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

2. Minutes of the Planning Commission (February 2025).
3. Request for a Work Session from Mt. Pleasant Historic District Building / Business Owners.
4. Receipt of the 2024 City-wide Annual Report.

CONSENT ITEMS:

5. Approval of minutes from the regular meeting held March 10, 2025.
6. Approval of minutes from the special meeting held March 13, 2025.
7. Consider approval of MMDC Contract for Economic Development Services.

All interested persons may attend and participate. Persons with disabilities who need assistance to participate may call the Human Resources Office at 989-779-5313. A 48-Hour advance notice is necessary for accommodation. Hearing or speech impaired individuals may contact the City via the Michigan Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1. Public Comment and Public Hearings are opportunities for the public to comment on business and non-business items. Questions will not be answered during these times and instead should be directed to City Hall staff during normal business hours.

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8. Approve Five-Year Contract with HydroCorp for Cross Connection Control Program and Water Meter Installation.
9. Consider Budget Amendment for Internship Programs.
10. Approval of Payrolls & Warrants.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Consider prioritization and approval of submission of City requests for spring 2025 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% allocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ON CITY-RELATED ISSUES AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

RECESS:

WORK SESSION:

12. Trail/pathway speed limit ordinance discussion.

RECESS:

CLOSED SESSION:

13. Closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.
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15. Closed Session pursuant to subsection 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for personnel evaluation of the City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT:

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TO: MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION
FROM: AARON DESENTZ, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS

MARCH 24, 2025

Proclamations and Presentations:

1. Presentation from Mid-Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) President and CEO Kati Mora on 2024 Annual Report.
 - a. At the upcoming City Commission meeting we will be joined by MMDC President and CEO Kati Mora. Kati will provide an overview on the annual operations of the City's economic development partner and answer any questions that the City Commission may have.

Consent Items:

7. Consider approval of MMDC Contract for Economic Development Services.
 - a. The City has contracted with the MMDC for economic development services for decades. In accordance with the agreement, MMDC has supported the City's economic development goals and has provided excellent service. This includes attending meetings with developers and providing assistance to the City with State and Federal funding opportunities, coordinating business retention calls, and managing some grant funded business support programs.

Staff is asking that the City Commission approve a contract with MMDC for continued support services through December 31, 2027. The base contract rate is \$28,800 for 2025 and increases an average of 2.5% in cost each year for 2026 and 2027. MMDC would continue to provide for economic development support as they have done in the past. MMDC would also take a more active role in working with downtown businesses.

8. Approve Five-Year Contract with HydroCorp for Cross Connection Control Program and Water Meter Installation.
 - a. The City Commission is requested to approve a five-year contract with HydroCorp, for administration of the cross-connection control program and installation of Metron meters. State and local regulations require that cross-connections be inspected on a regular basis. HydroCorp has provided this service in the past. Staff is recommending that our contract with HydroCorp also include meter installations. This is beneficial as the City will already be paying for the deployment of these inspectors who can also facilitate meter updates; thus, saving the City money on time and labor compared to another service provider. This also eliminates the need for multiple contractors to enter the homes of residents. This will help ensure that the City is keeping pace with its goal of upgrading the City's meters within a 5-year window. The total for each year of the contract is noted in Director Moore's memo in the City Commission packet.

9. Consider Budget Amendment for Internship Programs.
 - a. Staff is asking for a budget amendment of \$30,000 in the General Fund to allow for four (4) interns to work at City Hall during the summer. There are two (2) opportunities that the interns would work through:
 - The first opportunity will be the creation of an internship focused on Policy Research and Development. This intern will work in the City Manager's Office to assist in the development of the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) plans, to provide research and information to the City Commission on Opioid Settlement Funding, and other potential policy related items.
 - The second opportunity will be the creation of an intern cohort of not more than three (3) individuals. The group will be tasked with the creation of organization wide training materials to be used in employee and leadership development.
 - i. Recommended Action: A motion to approve a budget amendment in the General Fund of \$30,000 to provide internships for the summer.

Public Hearings:

New Business:

11. Consider prioritization and approval of submission of City requests for spring 2025 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% allocation.
 - a. The City Commission annually reviews staff requests for 2% Allocation Grants through the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT). Proceeds from certain types of gaming are offered by the SCIT as part of this grant program. As part of this review the City Commission is asked to rank the top five (5) projects for consideration from the Tribe. The top projects do not need to be in ranking order. Instead, they should convey the top five (5) projects that are most important to each Commissioner. We will then provide the collective top five (5) ranking to the Tribe while submitting all the grant applications to them. The Tribal Council considers these priority projects listed by the City Commission when making their awards.
 - i. Recommended Action: Feedback on the top five (5) projects is needed from each City Commissioner.

Work Session:

12. Trail/pathway speed limit ordinance discussion.
 - a. At the regular on November 11, 2024, the City Commission discussed usage of motorized bikes and scooters on City owned trails. The Commission discussed concerns about fast e-bike users causing disruption for pedestrians on pathways. The Commission directed staff to look into the possibility of a speed limit ordinance. Staff has further information that they wish to provide to the City Commission ahead of further action being taken.

Closed Session:

13. Closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.
 - i. Recommended Action: A motion to enter closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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 - i. Recommended Action: A motion to enter closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

15. Closed Session pursuant to subsection 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for personnel evaluation of the City Manager.
 - a. At the upcoming City Commission meeting I will request to enter a closed session as allowed for by the Open Meetings Act. Upon receiving such a request, the City Commission can move to enter into a closed session based on the subsection of the Open Meetings Act below.
 - i. Recommended Action: A motion to enter closed session pursuant to subsection 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act for personnel evaluation

**Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 6, 2025**

I. Powidayko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Devenney, Friedrich, Haveles, Irwin, Kingsworthy, Liesch, Ortman
Absent: None

Kingsworthy entered at 7:03 p.m.

Staff: Manuela Powidayko, Susan Tham

II. Election of Officers:

Powidayko reviewed the election procedures for electing officers and opened nominations for Chair. Powidayko opened nominations. Commissioner Friedrich nominated Commissioner Ortman. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and there was a majority vote to elect Commissioner Ortman as Chair.

Chair Ortman then opened nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Friedrich nominated Commissioner Devenney. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed and there was a majority vote to elect Commissioner Devenney as Vice Chair.

III. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion by Friedrich, support by Haveles to approve the agenda.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of the Minutes:

A. January 2, 2025 Regular Minutes

Motion by Haveles, support by Irwin to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2025 regular meeting as presented.

Motion approved unanimously.

V. Zoning Board of Appeals report for January:

Commissioner Haveles reported that the ZBA did not meet in January.

VI. Communications:

Powidayko reported that there was one old and three new communications regarding the case SUP-25-01 on the meeting agenda.

VII. Public Hearings:

A. SUP-25-01 – 900 Elizabeth Ct – K&K Land, LLC – Request for Special Use Permit for short-term rental (project postponed from the January 2, 2025 Regular Meeting).

Powidayko introduced SUP-25-01, a request for Special Use Permit for a short-term rental. At the January 2, 2025 Planning Commission Regular Meeting, the Planning Commission made the motion to postpone this case until there was enough information to make a decision.

Powidayko reviewed the additional information and supporting documents as it relates to the communication received, clarifying through a copy of the deed for the property that its boundaries do provide direct access to the cul-de-sac and therefore there is no need for an access easement. Powidayko also reviewed the city attorney's opinion regarding how protective covenants affect the zoning ordinance. Ultimately, the more restrictive apply but in regards to this case, the existing covenant does not specifically prohibit short term rentals and the city attorney advised the Planning Commission that such covenant's interpretation shall not be conducted by the city attorney, city staff nor the Planning Commission. The City Attorney advised the Planning Commission to decide based on the zoning ordinance.

Powidayko reviewed the current and prior uses of the property. Powidayko provided an overview of the property including current zoning, future, current and prior land use. Powidayko reviewed photos showing current conditions of the property.

Powidayko reviewed Special Use Conditions regarding short-term rentals.

Powidayko closed her presentation with a recommendation to approve SUP-25-01 subject to conditions.

Discussion took place. Friedrich asked if 900 Elizabeth Ct is currently a long-term rental. Powidayko confirmed it is.

Powidayko invited the applicant up to present their case.

The applicant was not in attendance.

Discussion took place.

Powidayko opened the public comment.

Patrick Heitman, 911 Elizabeth Court, spoke in opposition of the short-term rental. Heitman asked for clarification on what the City attorney advised in regards to who handles enforcing the Elizabeth Court Declaration of Protective Covenant.

Powidayko noted that there were no other public comments submitted via zoom or electronically.

There being no one else who wished to speak, public comment was closed.

Discussion took place.

Devenney clarified for Heitman that the City attorney's opinion is that the interpretation of the Protective Covenant is a judicial matter that should be adjudicated between parties in the neighborhood cul-de-sac.

Haveles clarified that the Planning Commission does not give legal advice and one should ask an attorney if they are asking whether or not they should litigate.

Motion by Friedrich, supported by Kingsworthy to approve SUP-25-01, subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall ensure that the gravel on the existing parking area is compact, smooth and provides for a stable surface;
2. The applicant shall comply with the requirements of Public Works.

Discussion took place.

Ayes: Devenney, Friedrich, Haveles, Kingsworthy, Liesch, Ortman

Nays: Irwin

Motion passes.

VIII. Site Plan Reviews:

A. None

IX. Public Comments:

Ortman opened the public comment.

Jessica Roth, 905 Canal, spoke about the inability for licensed massage therapists to work out of their home due to zoning ordinance restrictions and mentioned cities such as Traverse City, Lansing, and Midland allow it. Roth shared that allowing this as a home occupation would be beneficial as it can increase revenue for massage

therapists and bring money into the community. Roth explained clients would have easy parking in the driveway and a quieter environment compared to a noisy office building. Roth stated it is permitted for strangers to come into other people's homes to provide the service, but this means a variety of home environments and the moving of equipment to provide the service.

Powidayko noted that there were no public comments submitted via zoom or electronically.

There being no one who wished to speak, public comment was closed.

X. New Business:

A. Recommend a Planning Commission Representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals

Chair Ortman opened nominations for the Crossover member to the ZBA.

Commissioner Friedrich and Irwin nominated Commissioner Haveles. There being no other nomination, nominations were closed and there was a majority vote to recommend to the City Commission that Commissioner Haveles be the Crossover Planning Commission Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

B. Request for a one-year extension for SUP-23-16 & SPR-23-22 – 914 E Pickard St

Powidayko reviewed the original approval for SUP-23-16 & SPR-23-22 – 914 E Pickard St. Powidayko noted that a revision of the Site Plan Review was approved at the November 7, 2024 meeting, but the applicant has since decided to proceed with the original approved site plan, and said revision and its approval shall become void. The applicant is now ready to apply for building permits.

Powidayko closed her presentation with recommendation to approve a one-year extension of SUP-23-16 & SPR-23-22.

Discussion took place.

Motion by Kingsworthy, supported by Haveles to approve a one-year extension for SUP-23-16 & SPR-23-22.

Ayes: Devenney, Friedrich, Haveles, Irwin, Kingsworthy, Liesch, Ortman
Nays:

Motion approved unanimously.

C. Presentation by Progressive Companies about the Mission Street Improvement Plan: Technical Report

Powidayko introduced Progressive Companies, the planning consultants who have been facilitating the development of a Mission Street Improvement Plan.

Jason Ball, Senior Planner from Progressive Companies presented the results of the planning process and recommendations from the project Steering Committee. A summary report and a technical report was provided in the meeting packet, which were approved unanimously by the project's Steering Committee and the Mission/Pickard DDA.

For these minutes, information from the Project Themes slide and the Implementation Strategies slide are provided below.

“Project Themes: Following a comprehensive review of corridor characteristics, engagement efforts including community surveys, walk audits, and meetings with key stakeholders, project themes were developed to organize development of conceptual designs. These themes were then presented to the Steering Committee, City Commission, and Downtown Development Authority for their approval prior to moving forward with design.

1. Increase Activity by Improving Safety and Efficiency: Mission Street can become a vibrant, active corridor through improvements that welcome all uses of the roadway.
2. Improve Connections Between Important Destinations: Ensure that people cannot just travel on Mission Street, but through and across the corridor to access businesses, educational institutions, parks, and residential communities.
3. MDOT Collaboration: Continued collaboration with MDOT is critical. To support innovative designs, MDOT requires clear communication of design intent and the Mt. Pleasant community's vision for the corridor.
4. Balance Aspirations with Constraints: Development of spaces around Mission Street must balance aspirations for placemaking and enhancements to quality of life with the corridor's existing character and history.
5. Redevelopment Opportunities: Redevelopment opportunities exist and there is strong desire to see new investment.
6. Taking a Phased Approach: Redevelopment will happen in phases, and the City has tools in place to support phased redevelopment.

Implementation Strategies: Implementing all recommended improvements at once is unrealistic. Change requires time, testing, and collaboration among community leaders, property owners, and residents. While some actions, like driveway reductions or zoning amendments, can be incremental, others, like the proposed Blue Grass Road roundabout, require significant planning. This section outlines strategies for phased implementation based on funding and community priorities.

1. **Prioritize Roadway Redesign Locations:** Focus initial redesigns on the Broomfield-to-Preston segment, where crashes are most frequent. Expand successful treatments to other areas as funding or development arises. The technical report provides more detail on potential design.
2. **Evaluate and Communicate Impacts of Designs to Users and Businesses:** Consult businesses and landowners during final design to address concerns. Use temporary installations or demonstration projects to help the community experience proposed changes.
3. **Align Scheduling and Resources with MDOT:** Coordinate with MDOT's planned maintenance projects to integrate improvements and leverage funding resources.
4. **Set Annual Goals:** Collaborate with MDOT to identify feasible short-term goals, including:
 - Align improvements with maintenance projects.
 - Secure matching funds from grants and local sources.
 - Prioritize access management by reducing hazardous driveways while maintaining access.
5. **Maintain Commercial Vehicle Access:** Balance delivery truck needs with improvements like center medians. Final designs must consider vehicle movements to minimize disruptions.
6. **Maintain Emergency Vehicle Access:** Incorporate features like mountable curbs and medians to maintain emergency access following roadway redesign."

Discussion took place. Irwin asked if Preston Street would be a state or city responsibility, and had concerns of its capability to handle trucks and trailers. Ball stated it is a city street, and that in terms of changes for delivery vehicle traffic, they have not yet done detailed traffic modelling yet, which is part of the design phase by MDOT. Ball continued that Preston Street would only be the route for a few businesses that don't have shared accesses and the truck traffic would not be very significant.

Friedrich asked what percentage of Mission Street would need those mountable medians for emergency vehicle access. Ball responded they were only analyzing the problems and potential solutions here and not designing yet, so that would be part of the next step. It would be possible to design for the entire length of the median to be mountable.

Kingsworthy asked how these changes would be taken into consideration when mapping for truck drivers, for example, a median blocking left turn access. Ball responded the idea is businesses would communicate with their delivery truck drivers about the best route.

Ball reported that the next step is to incorporate the Mission Street Improvement Plan into the City's Master Plan as part of the formal five-year review and update cycle. A formal introduction to the Planning and City Commissions will follow.

D. Rezoning Joint Work Session Proposal

Staff proposed to schedule a joint work session between the Planning Commission and the City Commission to discuss alternatives to Z-24-01: the previously proposed rezoning for the southwest corner of Crawford and Broomfield, from PRD to hardline zoning. Powidayko asked the Planning Commission to confirm if staff can proceed with scheduling a joint work session with the City Commission at their March 10, 2025 meeting.

Discussion took place. There was general consensus for having a joint meeting to discuss these parcels. There was agreement that the PRD (Planned Residential Development) inhibits development while hardline zoning would make development easier. There was uncertainty about the City Commission's reason for the vote to deny the rezoning proposal.

Powidayko stated that this joint meeting will help clarify the reasons for denial and provide the opportunity for the Planning Commission and City Commission to discuss those concerns. Powidayko concluded that the goal is to get onto a conclusion of the direction that both Commissions would like to proceed with for these parcels, so the Planning Department can proceed with next steps.

The Planning Commission further discussed and also expressed interest in holding an additional joint work session in the future with the City Commission to talk about big picture planning.

Motion by Friedrich, support by Haveles to request a joint work session with the City Commission at their March 10, 2025 meeting.

Ayes: Devenney, Friedrich, Haveles, Irwin, Kingsworthy, Liesch, Ortman
Nays:

Motion passes unanimously.

E. Community Improvement Awards Nominees

Powidayko provided a quick summary regarding the history of the City's Community Improvement Awards and its process and procedures. Powidayko informed the Planning Commission of the Survey that was included in the packet, which included four nominees for the Residential and four nominees for the Commercial categories, expecting that the Planning Commission votes by February 13, 2025.

Friedrich stated this has been going on since 1979 and asked if any properties have won twice.

Powidayko responded maybe, but would need to compile a list to see if that has ever been the case.

XI. Staff Report:

A. None

XII. Adjournment:

Motion by Haveles, support by Devenney to adjourn.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

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March 18, 2025

Mt. Pleasant City Commission and City Manager Aaron Desentz
320 West Broadway
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Dear City Commissioners and City Manager Desentz:

With support from thirteen Historic District business and building owners, I'm writing to request the Mt. Pleasant City Commission hold a work session during the second quarter of 2025 to allocate funds from its unallocated reserves to fund individualized improvement projects including, but not limited to, façade improvement, fire suppression, interior renovation, fencing, signage, or any other individualized project that could revitalize or help small downtown businesses.

The time seems right for fund allocation. Most recently, the State of Michigan has announced that Mt. Pleasant will receive approximately \$700,000.00 in unrestricted funds, thanks to the city's wise decision to "opt in" to the recreational marijuana market. Moreover, Mt. Pleasant currently has over \$6,000,000 in unallocated funds. Together, that's over \$7,000,000 in potential funding—a substantial amount of money. As a long-time resident, taxpayer, and business owner, I believe incentivizing the current downtown building and business owners should be a priority. A nicer downtown attracts tourists, event holders, new businesses, and it will continue the revitalization already in progress. Please note the business/building owners listed below represent both newcomers and veterans.

Thank you for your consideration,



Elizabeth Brockman, PhD
President, Brockman Group

cc: Megan Bair, For Art's Sake
Judy and Sid Smith, Smith Equities
Jenny and Riley Justice, Sleepy Dog Press
Nate Darrow, Bob's Barber Shop
Allan Godley, Norm's Flower Petal
Kenneth Strom, TyJorMac Mt. Pleasant
Amy and Paul Fox, Gray's Furniture & Boutique
Joe Flemming, Konwinski Construction
Helen Chase, Trillium Fine Clothing for Women
Kelli and Chris Walton, Max & Emily's Eatery
Greg McCarthy, Downtown Drugs
Steve Ramon, Salon Blu
Lisa and Richard Swindlehurst, Table 75 Restaurants

Annual Report 2024

Mt. Pleasant

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A Message from

Aaron Desentz

[city manager]

Looking back on 2024, I am excited to share the progress, achievements, and milestones that have shaped our city over the past year. Great strides were made in many areas including infrastructure improvements, economic development, public safety program milestones, and other enhancements to our city's quality of life.

This report highlights the incredible work of our city staff, community partners, and residents who make Mt. Pleasant such a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. While there are many outstanding projects and programs the city has worked on this past year, I wanted to highlight a few.

The Town Center Civic Space Project was completed, revitalizing a key public gathering area with green space, improved accessibility, and EV charging stations. This key public gathering space will be enjoyed for generations and was made possible by federal and state government funding and generous contributions from local community partners.

The city is proud to offer programs that assist families. The PEAK program recently expanded its summer program to provide more child development opportunities. PEAK partnered with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to offer qualifying families financial assistance for the program.

In addition, the city partnered with MSHDA to provide funding for home exterior improvement projects. MSHDA also awarded the city a grant through the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Housing Improving Local Livability (CHILL) program. The funding was awarded in 2024 and will be available for home improvement projects in 2025. Information regarding these grants can be found on the city's website and social media channels.

The city contracted with the Center for Public Safety Management (CPSM) to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the city's fire department. The study analyzed the city's response capabilities to medial and fire emergency situations. The full report shared ideas on service delivery and efficiency.

There were many infrastructure improvements made in 2024. The Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport completed a major taxiway and lighting upgrade using grant funds from the federal and state government. Water infrastructure projects included completing the service line material inventory and securing funding for water treatment plant upgrades.

The city owes a special thank you to the generous and long-term funding from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT). In 2024, the city was awarded \$773,730 for police equipment, airport upgrades, and storm sewer improvements.

In 2024, the city was recertified as a Redevelopment Ready Community, due in part to streamlining the plan review process and updating the zoning ordinance, amongst others. A Mission Street Improvement Plan was drafted, addressing traffic, pedestrian safety, and business access. Zoning changes provided greater flexibility for commercial developments, and discussions continued regarding the future use of the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center property following a Michigan Court of Appeals ruling.

These achievements reflect the City of Mt. Pleasant's ongoing commitment to enhancing quality of life, economic vitality, and sustainability for residents and visitors.

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Bryan Chapman, Boomer Wingard
(L-R Front): Amy Perschbacher (Mayor),
Mary Alsager (Vice Mayor), Grace Rollins

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Infrastructure

High Flying News from the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport

Capital Improvements

After more than a year of planning and securing grant funding, the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport's (KMOP) taxiway and lighting project has been completed well below the projected \$2.7 million cost. The project was fully funded through grants.

- 90% Federal Grants
- 5% State Grants
- 5% Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Local Match Funds

Improvements included a reconstructed 35-foot-wide taxiway, LED lighting and updated signage.

To bring the layout of the airfield into compliance, modifications were made resulting in one mid-field taxiway connector. This change was slated for 2025, but federal money was made available to complete the project alongside the taxiway upgrade.

Regional Airport Designation

Due to its traffic counts, the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport is now considered a regional airport. This designation enables the airport to be eligible for an additional \$100,000 in grant funding.

Water Service Line Material Inventory Completed

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) revised their lead and copper rule for community drinking water, requiring municipalities to gather and update water service line material information for all residential and



commercial structures connected to the distribution system. Compiling this information has been an ongoing project for the City of Mt. Pleasant's Water Department since 2022. The required report was completed in December of 2024.

This inventory identified two lead lines going to commercial buildings which are not currently being used. In addition, there were 35 galvanized residential lines which will need to be replaced as a precautionary measure, since records do not indicate if they were ever connected to lead.

This work was funded by a grant from the State of Michigan and ensured compliance with the state's lead and copper rule.

City Receives State Funding for Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

In 2022, the city began to seek state funding for improvements at the Water Treatment plant. Now more than 30 years old, this plant requires expensive rehabilitation and updating. To make this undertaking

Completed Infrastructure Improvement Projects

ASPHALT CRACK SEALING

Several streets were crack sealed as part of the preventative maintenance program.

MILLS AND OVERLAYS

A new layer of asphalt was applied to eight streets and two Mission Street alleys, the Broadway Street Bridge Deck, and downtown's parking lot 1.

financially feasible, the city contracted with Fishbeck Consulting to develop a project plan. Fishbeck is a national professional consulting firm specializing in engineering, environmental sciences, architecture, and construction management.

With a completed project plan in hand, the city was then able to apply and secure funding through the State of Michigan's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). This program provides low-interest loans to public water systems to finance drinking water infrastructure.

The first phase of the Water Treatment plant's two-phase project includes preliminary and final plan designs, as well as bidding and construction administration for the following elements:

- Clarifier valve replacements
- Filter improvements
- Recarbonation tank and piping
- Aeration tower rehab
- Chemical tank improvements
- HVAC improvements
- Plant electrical improvements
- Digital network updates

Phase I of this project totals \$13.1 million with \$2.62 million in loan forgiveness funded by American Rescue Protection Act (ARPA) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funds. Phase I work will begin in the third quarter of 2025.

The second phase has an estimated cost of \$28 million and will include exterior improvements including source water and water storage upgrades. The city plans to apply for DWSRF funding for this final phase in the future.

Water Resource Recovery Facility Upgrades Continue

In 2022, the Water Resource Recovery Facility's (WRRF) multi-phase upgrade project began. The project's \$8.5 million first phase included replacing the retention basin liner and the aerated grit system, installing a check valve to prevent floodwaters from entering the basin, adding new grit vortexes, improving both the primary and secondary digesters, installing a septage receiving system to remove debris, and monitor and record flow. The installation of a gas dome that increased biogas storage was also completed.

Phase II, totaling \$27 million, began in 2023. Covered improvements included new innovative technology, replacing the current biological treatment processes, and upgrading the clarification process. Funding sources for Phase II included \$18 million from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and \$9 million in state grant funding. Phase II is projected to be completed by the end of 2025.



PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Sixteen streets throughout the city received new pavement markings.

SIDEWALKS

Replacement sidewalks were installed in reported complaint locations.

A new sidewalk was installed in Chipp-a-Waters Park to improve universal accessibility.

SEWER RELINING

Sanitary sewer mains in eight locations were relined.

A storm sewer main was relined on Broadway Street between Kinney and Arnold.

Economic Development & Funding

Using Geo-Software to Track Consumer Behavior

In 2024, two Central Michigan University interns under the direction of City Manager Desentz studied the consumer behaviors and patterns of Mt. Pleasant and Union Township residents and visitors. This was made possible through Placer.ai; a location analytics software that provides anonymous consumer location data from mobile devices.

More than seven years of data was accessed through Placer. From 2017 through 2024, the year with the highest visitation rate to the Mt. Pleasant area was 2018. This was mostly due to athletic events.

Categories studied included retail, restaurant, and entertainment popularity. The information from this geo-tracking research is meant to serve as a tool in driving economic development decisions; possibly assisting new businesses with their site research.



North-South Passenger Rail Service Discussions Continue

Recently there has been interest statewide to expand passenger rail service from Ann Arbor/Detroit through mid-Michigan to Traverse City/Petoskey. Coupled with \$66 billion made available nationwide through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, the possibility of an enhanced state passenger rail system has therefore come to the forefront.

State and federal agencies are currently connecting with towns along the rail line to determine what locations may be potential stops. Representatives from the city, Mt. Pleasant Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, Central Michigan University, and others are involved in these conversations.

Over the next two years, a detailed plan will be developed outlining rail operation and infrastructure needs.

Asset Management Policy Developed

The city's Asset Management Policy focuses on assets of the city that, if replaced or substantially rehabilitated, would be covered under the city's capital improvement planning (CIP) process. CIP projects include original construction, purchase of real property, or any substantial improvement or addition to real property or equipment with an estimated useful life of ten years or more and a minimum cost of \$20,000.

This policy provides a framework for asset management and focuses on sustainability, life cycle of equipment and other assets, as well as integrating risk management into repair and/or replacement practices.

A comprehensive inventory of all assets, their performance levels and a maintenance and renewal plan will be utilized for budgeting purposes, to ensure projects are adequately funded. In addition, other funding sources like grants, loans and stakeholder partnerships will also be identified, if applicable.

City Projects Receive Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe Funding

Ten city projects received funding from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's 2% Revenue Sharing Fund in 2024. The city is appreciative of this ongoing support.

Projects awarded funding are as follows:

	Airport feasibility study	\$ 50,000
	Runway/taxiway rehab	\$ 50,000
	Pickard storm sewer	\$120,000
	Airport operational funding	\$ 80,000
	PD Body/Car cams	\$162,000
	Airport operations funding	\$ 80,000
	Airport snow removal equipment	\$ 23,230
	Landfill remediation	\$ 50,000
	MINT operations	\$ 43,500
	PEAK program	\$115,000
2024 Total:		\$773,730

Public Safety

Comprehensive Fire Study Completed



The Mt. Pleasant Fire Department (MPFD), and Center for Public Safety Management consulting firm (CPSM), spent more than a year completing a comprehensive fire study.

The project isolated technology improvements and identifying operational efficiencies. One efficiency already implemented by the MPFD includes a just ordered "combo-truck." An engine in the current fleet that has exceeded its National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) service-life limit will now be succeeded by a dual-purpose Rescue Pumper. This enables the MPFD to reduce its

fleet of engines (pumpers) from three to two, resulting in substantial savings as well as enhancing the MPFD's on-scene abilities.

Manpower deployment was another consideration highlighted in the study. The MPFD will continue its concentrated Paid On Call Firefighter (POCF) recruitment efforts. POCF's assist in the general maintenance and operation of equipment. They are dispatched to fires and other emergencies and perform rescue work and first-aid assistance. A typically difficult position to fill, the MPFD nonetheless hired an impressive four POCF's in 2024.

The study acknowledged the importance of community. Therefore, the MPFD will continue to conduct its school and community outreach efforts, which consist of fire safety and prevention training at local K-12 schools, service organizations, and local events.



MPPD Receives Michigan Special Olympics Emerald Award

Mt. Pleasant Police Officers Josh Theisen and Shane Waskevich received an Emerald Award from the Michigan Special Olympics. This honor recognizes law enforcement agencies who raise \$25,000 for Michigan Special Olympic athletes. Funds collected go towards athlete training, transportation, and housing. Throughout the year, a number of fundraisers and events take place to help this important endeavor.

2024 TNR Program Census

Established in 2021, the city's Trap Neuter Release (TNR) program stabilizes the feral cat population by humanely and compassionately trapping, sterilizing, and vaccinating cats before they are returned to their outdoor habitat, or if possible, adopted. This program runs annually from April-October.

In 2024, the city hired a part-time public safety employee, who is TNR certified, to administer the program. This commitment resulted in a

total of 100 cats receiving aid, with 47 of those cats being adopted.

Per city ordinance, animals are not allowed to be euthanized except when determined by a licensed veterinarian. Out of the 233 cats assisted since 2021, only one had to be euthanized - after (3) days of hospitalization.

Residents are reminded not to feed stray cats and to get their cats spayed and neutered.

Youth Police Academy Graduates 23rd Class

2013 Cadet Sworn in as Mt. Pleasant Police Officer in 2024

After three weeks of instruction, cadets from the Mt. Pleasant Police Department's Youth Police Academy celebrated their graduation with their law enforcement mentors, family and friends. Those in attendance enjoyed comments from Jason Haines, Chief of the Michigan DNR Law Enforcement Division, and former Mt. Pleasant Police Officer, who served as keynote speaker.

The program's curriculum mirrors that of an actual police academy. Cadets

participate in physical training, classroom instruction and demonstrations.

This past year, a cadet from the 2013 Youth Police Academy was sworn in as an officer of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department; proof of this academy's strong, lasting, and positive impact on our community's youth.

Applications for this free program for individuals in grades 6-8 are available every May at the Division of Public Safety building.



MPPD's Cram-a-Cruiser Program Collects More Than 2,194 Toys



With participation by many individuals who answered the 'call to action,' the Mt. Pleasant Police Department (MPPD) collected more than 2,194 toys for Toys for Tots through their Cram-a-Cruiser events.

Mountain Town Station and Summit Smokehouse provided a 25% discount to individuals who donated a toy. Krapohl Ford once again hosted a drop off night.

Toys for Tots personnel presented the MPPD with the Law Enforcement Challenge trophy for collecting the most toys of any law enforcement agencies. But community support and business partnerships constituted the best honors of all.

Planning & Zoning

City Receives Redevelopment Ready Community Recertification

In March 2024, the city was recertified as a Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The RRC recognition is a statewide certification program that supports communities in becoming development ready and competitive in today's economy. In 2019, Mt. Pleasant was the 31st community in the State of Michigan to attain this certified designation through its streamlining plan review processes, adoption of a forward-thinking zoning ordinance, development of a public participation plan, and creating a new brand and marketing strategy to guide efforts of the city and its partners.



To earn recertification in 2024, the city completed the following:

- Developed the 2023 Downtown Strategic Plan.
- Updated the Development Guidebook, Development Board Training Plan, Economic Development Action Plan, Annual Capital Improvement Plan, Public Participation and Engagement Strategy, as well as its marketing plan.
- Updated the information available on the city's website.
- Continued production of the Planning Commission Annual Report.
- Amended Zoning Ordinances.
- Continued streamlining of the property development review process.
- Initiated an Annual Joint Meeting between the Planning Commission and Mission-Pickard DDA Board to kick off the Mission Street corridor improvement plan.

This RRC certification formally recognizes the city for being proactive and business friendly.

Zoning Changes within Commercial Districts

The City Commission adopted a set of zoning text changes (TC-24-01) to allow greater design flexibility for developments located within commercial districts. This stemmed from more than 20 discussions with area developers, real estate brokers and financial professionals. Planning Commission work sessions took place in 2023.

Changes:

- Modifying the requirement for minimum building width along frontages, to facilitate the provision of off-street parking in corner sites and better accommodate auto-dependent uses and developments in narrower sites.
- Changing minimum ceiling height and number of stories to enable a wider range of businesses, and potentially reduce construction and maintenance costs.
- Creative flexibility with setback regulations to allow for a greater range of options for building placement and ensure better driver visibility when entering the right-of-way from busy intersections.
- Ratified amendments that give greater administrative flexibility to accommodate specific challenges in site planning and better enable designs that match neighborhood context.

Mission Street Corridor Study

In 2024, the city contracted with Progressive Companies of Grand Rapids to lead the development of a Mission Street Improvement Plan. This plan addressed topics such as traffic congestion, pedestrian and bicycle safety, universal accessibility, and business access.

This city led effort was in collaboration with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and received funding from the State of Michigan Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program. A steering committee was formed to review potential designs. This group is comprised of local business owners, elected, and appointed officials, representatives from Central Michigan University, MDOT, the Disability Network of Mid-Michigan, the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, the Mt. Pleasant Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and city staff.

Public outreach took place throughout 2024 to collect feedback about the corridor's existing conditions, its challenges, opportunities, as well as goals and priorities. The public also had the opportunity to provide feedback on potential designs.

A draft plan was reviewed by city staff and MDOT and approved by the Steering Committee. The final plan will be reviewed by the Mission/Pickard DDA Board, and the Planning and City Commissions. If approved, the Mission Street Improvement Plan is anticipated to be adopted in 2025, allowing the city and MDOT to seek funding for the actual project.



Michigan Court of Appeals Decision Limits City's Use of Mt. Pleasant Regional Center Land

In 2010, per Public Act 208, the State of Michigan sold a portion of the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center land to the city for \$1. The act allows the city to use the property for a "public purpose" (economic development). The 300 acres of land on (West Pickard Street between South Crawford and Bamber Roads) previously housed the Mt. Pleasant Regional Center and, before that, the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School.



The State drafted a deed to the property in 2011 that includes the term, "public use" instead of public purpose. Unfortunately, public use has a legal meaning that is limited to municipal parks and does not include economic development. Therefore, if the city or any other developer were to use the property for economic development projects, the State would take back ownership, including any improvements made to the property.

After the city spent years and millions of dollars preparing the property for development, it exchanged several letters with the State over the course of four years in an attempt to correct the deed language, so it accurately reflects the public purpose restriction in PA 208. The State refused.

The city-initiated litigation to force state officials to correct the deed, so it accurately reflects PA 208's public purpose restriction. The lower Court of Claims ruled in favor of the city.

However, on October 7, 2024, the Michigan Court of Appeals reversed the decision. That ruling limits the city's use of the property. The City Commission will discuss viable options in 2025.

Housing & Neighborhoods

City Receives MSHDA Grant for Home Exterior Improvement Projects



The city was awarded a \$50,000 Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP) grant through the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). The purpose of this grant is to boost neighborhood aesthetics, improve property values, and enhance safety and quality of life for residents.

In addition, the city committed up to \$50,000 in Housing Development Grant (HODAG) funds resulting in a total of \$100,000 available for home exterior projects.

In 2024, six projects were completed at a total cost of \$79,567.09. This total includes a \$10,335.70 roof project which was made possible by HODAG funds.

Since the program's inception in 2020, 43 exterior household improvement projects, totaling \$468,452.93, have been completed. Finished projects include roof repairs, porch, and deck replacements, as well as window and door installations.

We Were Talking Trash in 2024

In 2024, the City contracted with Granger Waste Services to be the exclusive franchise hauler for residential trash and recycling collection, effective January 2, 2025.

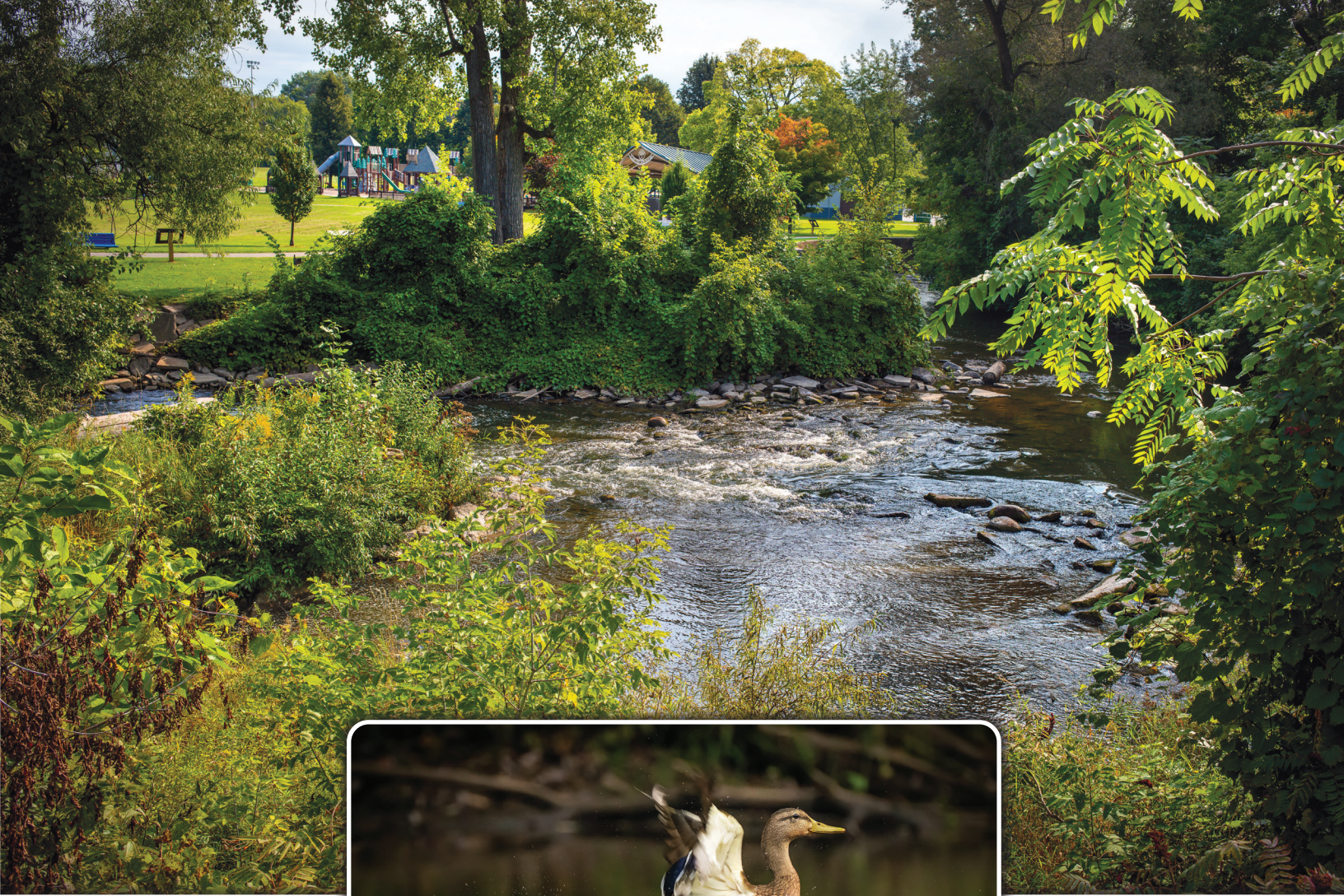
Instead of bags and tags, Granger provides wheeled trash carts for residents who signed up for service. Cart sizes are as follows:

- 65-gallon trash carts have a black lid.
- 96-gallon trash carts have a brown lid.
- 96-gallon recycling carts have a yellow lid.

Unused city trash bags and tags can be returned to City Hall before May 30, 2025. Refund options include a city water bill credit or cash refund.



To sign up for services, residents can visit:
www.grangerwasteservices.com/mtpleasant or call (888) 947-2643



City Develops Climate Change Preparedness Plan

The city partnered with Central Michigan University to summarize impacts of climate change on the city. By conducting a community survey, working with several CMU classes and CMU Intern Mason Squilletts-Peterson, a Climate Change Preparedness Plan was compiled.

Through this study, it was determined that the city has done a comprehensive job implementing initiatives regarding climate change. These include:

- A hazard mitigation plan with climate change projections.
- A tree planting and maintenance program.
- A comprehensive stormwater management ordinance.
- Conducting energy audits on municipal facilities.
- Offering public financing and grant funding programs to support energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Results from the community survey specified extreme heat, drought, storms, flooding, and their impacts on vulnerable populations to be of concern.

In 2025, the City Commission plans to discuss climate change preparedness goals and objectives with an outside consultant to determine future steps.

Civic & Recreational Life

Town Center Civic Space Project Completed



The Town Center Civic Space Project revitalized Town Center located at Broadway and Main Street. This versatile space can now properly host public gatherings, events, and recreational activities. Below are amenities now offered:

- Parking lot reconstruction resulting in 18 additional parking lot and street parking spaces.
- Installation of EV charging stations.
- A multi-purpose community hub for gatherings and events, green space with universal accessibility design, green infrastructure, and sustainability measures.

- Upgraded electrical infrastructure.
- Traffic Calming: Removal of the portion of Mosher Street between Main and Broadway Street to increase pedestrian safety.
- Accessible public restrooms.
- Increased pedestrian lighting.
- Site Added Features: Benches, trash cans, bike racks, universally accessible pathways.

The city was awarded a \$1 million grant through the Michigan Economic Development Corporation's Revitalization and Placemaking Grant (RAP) program. This program provides access to gap financing for real estate rehabilitation and development, as well as public space improvements associated with traditional downtowns, social-zones, and outdoor dining initiatives. The state received \$500 million in applications for the \$100 million available.

Other project funding included:

- \$1,138,060 million in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds.
- \$50,000 from the Mt. Pleasant Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Destination Development Grant.
- \$10,240 from the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation.
- \$115,500 in donated charging equipment from EV Holdings, LLC EV Charging Program.

Construction began in Spring 2024 and was completed in August 2024.



2024 Election Runs Smoothly for the City

City staff and 52 community election workers labored diligently on the November 2024 Election which encompassed Federal, State, and local contests as well as Isabella County's Public Safety Millage.

November Election Statistics:

- 7,927 (71%) of registered voters cast a ballot.
- Out of the 3,332 absentee ballots mailed, 3,097 were returned.
- 3,032 votes were cast at the Early Voting Center (CMU Powers Hall).
- 3,014 individuals cast their vote in person on Election Day.
- Same Day Registration/Voting: 296; with 237 of those individuals on Election Day.



PEAK Extends Summer Program and Funding Assistance

During the summer, there are always increased childcare and programming needs. In 2024, the Partners Empowering All Kids (PEAK) program addressed this demand by increasing its six-week summer program to eight weeks, allowing the admittance of 320 children. This change was welcomed by area families.

Financial assistance in addition to the PEAK scholarships was also enhanced this past year. Since each of its five school sites are a Michigan licensed childcare center, monetary assistance is offered through the Department of Human Services (DHS) to families who qualify. With the current reimbursement rates, PEAK programming was provided to qualifying families at no cost. Through this program, 34 children received these benefits in the summer of 2024 and 37 children during the academic year.

Staff assisted new families who registered for PEAK with the State benefit application process, helped complete the necessary paperwork, and dropped the completed applications off at the State office if families were unable due to transportation constraints.

PEAK sessions are active, educational, fun and provide interaction with artists, musicians, and athletes. A strong partnership with CMU's teacher education and athletic departments offer exciting sessions for all attendees. PEAK attendees are taught the importance of community through its community service day.

In the summer of 2024, PEAK partnered with the United Way and collected more than 1,200 non-perishable items for local food banks.

For more information about the PEAK program visit www.mt-pleasant.org/PEAK.

Citizens' Academy Graduation



Participants of the Citizens' Academy graduated after completing the seven-session program. The academy engaged members of the community, expanding their knowledge of the structure and function of local government. This is an annual course offering which runs from February – April.

Mt. Pleasant
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City of Mt. Pleasant
320 W. Broadway St.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858-2447

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan with virtual options.

Mayor Wingard called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Land Acknowledgement statement was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Boomer Wingard and Vice Mayor Maureen Eke; Commissioners Mary Alsager; Liz Busch; Amy Perschbacher, Grace Rollins & John Zang

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Clerk Bouck administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner John Zang.

Proclamations and Presentations

1. Director of Planning & Community Development Manuela Powidayko presented the 2024 Community Improvement Awards to:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Owner</u>
Commercial	611 E Broadway St.	Broadway Family Dentistry
Residential	1006 1006 ½ Bruce St. 701 S. Arnold St.	McGuire Family Investments LLC Deborah Leasher

2. Director of Parks, Recreation & Public Spaces Phil Biscorner and Manager Desentz gave a presentation on Events planning and Organizational Support.

3. Doug Pickel, CEO of Azuant Custom Plaques and Rich Young, Local Commander of the American Legion Hall, gave a presentation on a proposed Island Park POW/MIA Memorial.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

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

Public Input on Agenda Items

Andy Brockman, 201 S. University; Elizabeth Brockman, 201 S. University and Ken Strong, 120 S. University, spoke in support of item #15 "Request for Fire Suppression and Façade Improvement Funding Allocation."

Joe Carreon, 109 N. Arnold, thinks streets should be closed during events. This concentrates the event and limits the space permitted.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

4. Report on police related citizen complaints received.
5. Planning Commission December, 2024 and January, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
6. Traffic Control Committee December, 2024 Meeting Minutes.
7. 2024 Planning Commission Annual Report.

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

8. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held February 24, 2025.
9. Minutes of the Closed Session of the City Commission held February 24, 2025.
10. Receive City requests for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% allocations.
11. Advance commitment of 500 tons of road salt through the MiDeal Program.
12. Purchase of three Chevrolet Police Package Tahoe's from Berger Chevrolet, Grand Rapids, Michigan in the amount of \$53,773.00.
13. Bid of Peerless-Midwest of Ionia, Michigan for 2025 Well Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$115,476.00.
14. Payrolls and Warrants dated March 6, 2025 all totaling \$267,216.95.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Zang and seconded by Commissioner Alsager to approve a one-time allocation of funding for 120 South University in the amount of \$42,500 for fire suppression and façade improvements with no other funding available until standardization of criteria is established. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Alsager announced Clare Irish Festival is next week.

Vice Mayor Eke announced March is Women's History Month.

Commissioner Perschbacher advised residents not to rake leaves into the street during spring yard clean-up. Leaves should be placed in leaf bags and taken to the MRF.

Commissioner Zang thanked the Commission for his appointment as City Commissioner and commented that he looks forward to working with all of them.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Joe Carreon, 109 N. Arnold commented that Google Map needs the update for walkers. Please take the steps to add this.

Moved by Commissioner Alsager and seconded by Vice Mayor Eke to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Boomer Wingard, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 6:07 p.m. at the Mt. Pleasant Division of Public Safety, 804 E. High St.

Mayor Wingard called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Land Acknowledgement statement was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Boomer Wingard and Vice Mayor Maureen Eke ; Commissioners Mary Alsager, Grace Rollins, Amy Perschbacher & John Zang

Commissioners Absent: Liz Busch

Others Present: City Manager Aaron Desentz, City Clerk Heather Bouck, Directors Paul Lauria, Jason Moore, Lauren Pavlowski, Phil Biscorner, Shar Rappuhn and Facilitator Lew Bender

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

Work Session: Discuss 2026 Goals and Objectives

Lew Bender led a discussion on 2026 goals and objectives.

Moved by Vice Mayor Eke and seconded by Commissioner Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Boomer Wingard, Mayor

Heather Bouck, City Clerk

City of Mount Pleasant
Middle Michigan Development Corporation
Contract for Economic Development Services

This agreement made on this 1st day of January, 2025, by and between the City of Mt. Pleasant, the Client, and Middle Michigan Development Corporation (“MMDC”).

WHEREAS, MMDC was created as a collaborative effort among many local entities in 1981 with the expressed purpose of establishing a full-time, professional, fully-staffed economic development organization to represent the entire area with a single voice and point of contact to initiate and carry out economic development activity, typical and customary of the economic development industry, and

WHEREAS, MMDC has the necessary and appropriate personnel, facilities, and professional expertise to provide economic development services, and

WHEREAS, the Client intends to contract with MMDC to provide said economic development services as outlined in the attached “Exhibit A”;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the Client and MMDC do hereby agree as follows:

- I. Description of Services: MMDC shall provide to the Client comprehensive economic development services as defined in the attached “Exhibit A.” in connection herewith, MMDC shall make regular reports to the Client’s Board and shall provide an annual report along with a copy of its current strategic plan.
- II. Term. This contract shall be for a three (3) year period, which begins on the first day of January, 2025 and expires on the last day of December, 2027.
- III. Compensation. To help keep pace with inflation, the Client shall pay MMDC one annual installment of \$28,800 due payable in January of 2025, \$29,600 due payable in January of 2026, and \$30,500 due payable in January of 2027. Additions to the client fee may be mutually agreed to by the Client and the MMDC on an annual basis.
- IV. Amendment to Contract. This contract may be amended only in writing and signed by both parties. However, Exhibits may be modified from time to time without need for contract amendment. Separate contracts may be negotiated to allow for added services as agreed by both parties.

- V. Termination. Unless otherwise terminated by notice in advance of expiration this contract may be terminated by either party if the other party fails to meet the obligations represented under this agreement made through no fault of the terminating party. No such termination shall be made unless notice is given by the terminating party not less than ninety (90) days after written notice of the intent to terminate and an opportunity to correct the default. In addition, the Client may terminate this agreement for legal or financial cause in its sole determination upon not less than ninety (90) days written notice.

- VI. Further Pronouncement. MMDC is a private, non-profit economic development corporation, acting as an independent contractor and is neither an agency nor an employee of the Client.

Witness

Boomer Wingard, Mayor
City of Mt. Pleasant

_____ Date

Kati Mora, President/CEO
Middle Michigan Development Corporation

_____ Date

Memorandum



TO: Aaron Desentz, City Manager
FROM: Jason Moore, DPW Director
DATE: March 11, 2025
SUBJECT: Approve Contract with HydroCorp for Cross Connection Control Program and Water Meter Installation

Request

The City Commission is requested to approve a five-year contract with HydroCorp, of Troy, Michigan, for administration of the cross connection control program and installation of Metron meters.

Reason

Since 2020, HydroCorp has successfully managed the City's cross connection control program, ensuring compliance with state and local regulations, and protecting the public water supply from contamination. As we moved into the fifth year of our current contract, we approached HydroCorp with a modification to our contract to include meter installations.

The modified contract adjusts HydroCorp's scope of work to include replacing outdated water meters with automated meters. The city launched a system-wide meter changeout program to replace all non-automated meters. The new meters integrate with the City's advanced metering software, enabling remote water usage monitoring and leak detection alerts for customers and staff.

Adding meter installations to the contract will accelerate the transition to automated metering. HydroCorp will continue cross-connection inspections and reinspections, and, if the new agreement is approved, will also replace non-automated meters up to one inch in size during inspections. This added scope increases the cost per inspection by roughly \$75. Since HydroCorp is already entering buildings and making appointments to do so, this is a cost-effective way to accomplish this work.

The total contract covers a 60-month term, with annual renewals in 12-month increments upon mutual agreement. HydroCorp will invoice monthly.

Year	Monthly Amount	Annual Amount
1	\$10,243.50	\$122,922.00
2	\$10,518.00	\$126,216.00
3	\$10,803.75	\$129,645.00
4	\$11,100.75	\$133,209.00
5	\$11,409.75	\$136,917.00
Contract Total		\$665,785.20

Recommendation

I recommend the City Commission approve a five-year contract with HydroCorp for cross-connection control program administration and automated meter installations, and authorize me to sign the contract. Funding is and will be included in the annual Water Distribution operating budget.

03/20/2025

CHECK REGISTER FOR CITY OF MT PLEASANT
CHECK DATE FROM 03/07/2025 - 03/20/2025

Check Date	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
03/07/2025	21ST CENTURY MEDIA - MICHIGAN	532011 NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS	1,652.43
03/20/2025	21ST CENTURY MEDIA - MICHIGAN	532011 NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS FEB 25	918.00
03/20/2025	3C AVIATION	PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR T-HANGER RENT	84.50
03/20/2025	AIRGAS USA, LLC	SUPPLIES - STREETS	74.84
03/20/2025	AIRWAY OXYGEN, INC.	CONTRACT SVCS- PAST DUE FEE	30.00
03/20/2025	ALLIED FIRE SALES & SERVICE LLC	SUPPLIES - DPS	966.59
03/20/2025	ALMA BOLT COMPANY	SUPPLIES - STREETS	113.17
03/20/2025	ALMA TIRE SERVICE INC	SUPPLIES/VEHICLE MAINT - POLICE - #NA034	64.43
03/07/2025	AMBER WACLAWSKI	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD WINNING PHOT	100.00
03/07/2025	ARMOURERS CHOICE	BALLISTIC SHIELD INSTRUCTOR COURSE- GOME	500.00
03/20/2025	AUTOZONE, INC.	SUPPLIES DPS VEHICLE	44.17
03/20/2025	AXON ENTERPRISE, INC.	SUPPLIES POLICE	25,219.60
03/20/2025	BIO-CARE, INC	CONTRACT SVCS	5,770.00
03/20/2025	BLOCK ELECTRIC COMPANY	CONTRACT SVCS - STREETLIGHT ELECTRICAL	150.00
03/07/2025	BRADY EDWARDS	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD WINNING PHOT	100.00
03/20/2025	BSN SPORTS LLC	RECREATION YOUTH SPORTS SUPPLIES	1,569.15
03/20/2025	BUSINESS CONNECTIONS, INC.	CONTRACT SVCS - AIRPORT ANSWERING SVC -	265.79
03/20/2025	CAMERON SMITH	REIMBURSEMENT TRAVEL	270.00
03/20/2025	CDW GOVERNMENT, INC	SUPPLIES - CLERK	2,960.22
03/20/2025	CENTER MASS INC	TRAINING- CAMERON SMITH	1,019.00
03/20/2025	CENTRAL MICH UNIV - MAILROOM	POSTAGE/HANDLING - CLERK FEB 2025	1,609.40
03/20/2025	CENTURYLINK	COMMUNICATIONS DUE MAR 31 25	11.09
03/20/2025	CINTAS CORP	WRRF CLEANING SUPPLIES/FIRST AID	56.41
03/20/2025	CITY TREASURER - UTILITIES	CITY HALL WATER/SEWER DUE MAR 17 25	3,633.53
03/20/2025	CLARK HILL P.L.C.	CONTRACT SVCS	23,657.50
03/20/2025	CLIA LABORATORY PROGRAM	CONTRACT SVCS FIRE - REBILL CERTIFICATE	248.00
03/20/2025	COYNE OIL CORPORATION	FUEL DPW	9,533.44
03/20/2025	CULLIGAN	CONTRACT SVCS - 1111841	73.00
03/20/2025	DAVID W PICKLER	REIMBURSEMENT TRAVEL FEB AND MAR 2025	380.00
03/20/2025	DEERE & COMPANY	SUPPLIES CAPITAL OUTLAY DPW	17,104.45
03/20/2025	DISTRIBUTORS GROUP, INC	SUPPLIES WATER PLANT	423.66
03/20/2025	DLT SOLUTIONS LLC	CONTRACT SVCS DPW	3,271.06
03/20/2025	ESO SOLUTIONS, INC.	CONTRACT SVCS DPS	6,812.51
03/20/2025	FLEIS & VANDENBRINK	CONTRACT SVCS	1,610.00
03/20/2025	FLEX ADMINISTRATORS	FSA ADMINISTRATIVE FEE	193.20
03/20/2025	FREDRICKSON SUPPLY, LLC	SUPPLIES MOTOR POOL	5,575.37
03/20/2025	FRONT LINE SERVICES, INC	CONTRACT SVCS FIRE	1,986.61
03/20/2025	GALLS, LLC	UNIFORMS - POLICE	571.83
03/20/2025	GILL-ROY'S HARDWARE	SUPPLIES- DPS	0.72
03/20/2025	GRACE CHURCH	REFUND OVERPAYMENT OF PERMIT FEE	1,394.00
03/07/2025	GREAT LAKES CENTRAL RAILROAD INC	CONTRACT SVCS - SIGNAL DEVICE MAINT 2025	8,256.07
03/20/2025	HACH COMPANY	SUPPLIES WRRF	768.20
03/20/2025	HAVILAND PRODUCTS COMPANY	CHEMICALS WRRF	6,553.40
03/20/2025	INFOSEND, INC	CONTRACT SVCS SHUT OFF NOTICES/STATEMENT	9,774.77
03/20/2025	JASON MOORE	REIMBURSEMENT MILEAGE JAN AND FEB 25	240.80
03/20/2025	JONATHON STRAUS	REIMBURSEMENT - TRAINING MAR 2025	216.00
03/20/2025	KAMDEN WILLIAMS	CONTRACT SVCS- K-2ND BASKETBALL THRU MAR	15.00
03/20/2025	KELLY'S DEER PROCESSING	DEER PROCESSING FROM CULL FEB 2025	1,330.00
03/20/2025	KRAPOHL FORD LINCOLN MERC	SUPPLIES/VEHICLE MAINT - UNIT #507	94.27
03/20/2025	LAUREN PAVLOWSKI	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT MAR 2025	105.91
03/20/2025	LETAVIS ENTERPRISES INC.	CAR WASHES - JANUARY 25	235.00
03/20/2025	LEWIS G. BENDER	CONTRACT SVCS - COMMISSION GOALS WORKSHO	3,562.00
03/20/2025	LUNGHAMER FORD OF OWOSSO	CAPITAL OUTLAY VEHICLE PURCHASE	42,363.00
03/07/2025	MACALLISTER RENTALS	CONTRACT SVCS - SNOW REMOVAL AIRPORT	3,028.00
03/20/2025	MANER COSTERISAN	CONTRACT SVCS FEB 2025	13,500.77
03/20/2025	MANNIK SMITH GROUP	CONTRACT SVCS LANDFILL QUARTERLY	1,169.50
03/20/2025	MARY LACHANCE	REIMBURSEMENT - MPARKS CONFERENCE TRAVEL	237.97
03/20/2025	MASTER ELECTRIC, INC	CONTRACT SVCS - DPS CCTV SYSTEM	8,525.00
03/20/2025	MCLAREN CORPORATE SERVICES	CONTRACT SVCS - HR	597.00
03/20/2025	MEAD & HUNT	CONTRACT SVCS AIRPORT	7,928.46
03/20/2025	MELISSA WANINK	CONTRACT SVCS- K-2ND BASKETBALL THRU MAR	35.00
03/20/2025	METRON-FARNIER, LLC	METER REPLACEMENT WATER/WRRF	3,777.34
03/20/2025	MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY/SRF	SRF SEMIANNUAL PAYMENT	68,930.74
03/20/2025	MICHIGAN PIPE & VALVE	SUPPLIES DPW	495.00
03/20/2025	MICHIGAN STATE POLICE	CONTRACT SVCS - TOKEN FEE THROUGH 03/31/	165.00
03/20/2025	MICHIGAN TACTICAL OFFICERS ASSOC	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	1,000.00
03/10/2025	MID MICHIGAN AREA CABLE	VIDEO PRODUCTION - Q4 FRANCHISE FEE 202	15,415.45
03/20/2025	MIDLAND DAILY NEWS	CONTRACT SVCS - 00058444 HR FEB 25	748.80

03/20/2025	MID-MICHIGAN INDUSTRIES	RECYCLING AT DPS	82.24
03/20/2025	MISSION COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	CONTRACT SVCS - ANNUAL SERVICE	4,496.00
03/07/2025	MPPS	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD-STUDEN PHOTO	200.00
03/20/2025	MR. ROOTER PLUMBING	REFUND OF PERMIT FEES PRW250004	60.00
03/20/2025	MYMICHIGAN HEALTH	CONTRACT SVCS 700002727 HR NEW HIRE FEB	575.00
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03/20/2025	NOLAN CASZATT	CONTRACT SVCS- K-2ND BASKETBALL THRU MAR	30.00
03/20/2025	NYE UNIFORM COMPANY	UNIFORMS - DPS	345.44
03/20/2025	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	SUPPLIES- HR	68.03
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03/20/2025	PERCEPTIVE CONTROLS, INC.	FEB SERVICE	148.00
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03/20/2025	PURE PLUMBING LLC	CONTRACT SVCS - PARKS	1,142.00
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03/20/2025	RS TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC	SUPPLIES WATER PLANT	2,951.25
03/20/2025	SCOTT ZAMARRON	REIMBURSEMENT TRAVEL	206.60
03/20/2025	SHAR RAPPUHN	REIMB FOR POLC MEDIATION/ POLC NEG LUNCH	133.33
03/20/2025	SINGLESOURCE LCS	SUPPLIES - PARKS	2,456.43
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03/20/2025	STERICYCLE, INC.	PAPER SHREDDING AT DPS	597.57
03/20/2025	T.H. EIFERT, LLC	CONTRACT SVCS DPS	3,636.64
03/07/2025	TAYLOR TOMSON	COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD WINNING PHOT	100.00
03/20/2025	TOTAL WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS, INC	CONTRACT SVCS	653.50
03/20/2025	TRAVIS WELSH	REIMBURSEMENT - MILEAGE	85.13
03/20/2025	TROJAN TECHNOLOGIES	SUPPLIES WRRF	13,538.80
03/20/2025	TYLER LOOMIS	REIMBURSEMENT CELL PHONE	50.00
03/20/2025	TYLER MOSS	REIMBURSEMENT TRAINING MPARKS CONFERENCE	231.83
03/20/2025	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	MOTOR POOL MATS	84.56
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03/14/2025	VANEK ANNIKA & VANEK TREVOR	2024 Sum Tax Refund 17-000-18117-00	209.10
03/17/2025	ISABELLA COUNTY TREASURER	DOG LICENSES 2025	235.00
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Less 0 Void Checks:			0.00
Total of 110 Disbursements:			2,849,531.65



SEMI-ANNUAL TWO PERCENT ALLOCATION CITY OF MT. PLEASANT
REQUESTS
SPRING 2025

<u>DEPARTMENT/PROJECT NAME</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PRIORITY</u>
<i>Airport</i>		
Airport Operational Funding	\$80,000.00	C
AWOS relocation	\$35,000.00	C
<i>Community Services</i>		
Partners Empowering All Kids	\$115,000.00	C
<i>Police</i>		
Emergency Services Team and Youth Academy Van	\$80,640.00	C
<i>Public Works</i>		
Annual Roadway Pavement Markings	\$35,000.00	L
Kinney Street Mill and Overlay	\$290,000.00	M
Lime Disposal	\$215,000.00	H
Sanitary Sewer Relining	\$100,000.00	M
Sewer Pipeline Inspection Camera	\$57,615.00	M
Sidewalk and Streetscape on Broadway	\$190,900.00	L
Total Requested	\$1,199,155.00	

Priority Definitions

Critical:

- Project must be done to address failure of infrastructure OR
- Funding is needed to support essential program or it will not be able to continue

High:

- Important project or program to meet current service or program needs

Medium:

- Important project or program to meet future or new service or program needs

Low:

- New project or program that would be nice to have

Overview

Project Name

Airport operational funding

Total Requested

\$80,000.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Critical

Reoccurring Need?

This Request is Reoccurring

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Categories

- Economic development
- Infrastructure
- Safety/Security
- Transportation

Project Description

This funding is to provide funds to support basic operations of the airport. Appropriate staffing levels to cover operational needs have, in the past, been covered in part by using airport fund balance. Staffing at the airport ensures that appropriate staff is available 7 days per week to service aircraft.

In order to provide the necessary funds for basic operations of the Mt. Pleasant Reginal Airport, the city has had to contribute \$81,600 per year from the general fund. The Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has provided funding for airport operations on a regular basis. Without on going funding from Tribal 2\$ allocations, the services at the airport could not be maintained.

Benefit Description

The airport is an economic driver for economic development and business growth. The Mt. Pleasant Reginal Airport is a major gateway to the Tribal community's casino and resort operations. Many entertainers appreciate the convenience and service they experience at the airport when coming in to preform at the resort. The ability to provide essential service to the Tribal community's visitors and business associates may be affected without adequate funding. A recent study by MDOT indicated the economic benefit to the surrounding area is \$8 million per year.

Funding Requirements

A partnership to share oversight and management with partners including Isabella County, Union Township, MMDC, and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has recently been instituted. This partnership provides \$17,000 annually towards operations of the airport.

Description of Reoccurring Need

Project Timeline

Not Entered

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Airport operational funding	\$80,000.00	1	\$80,000.00	Transportation

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
AmountRequested	\$80,000.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
Airport Fuel Revenue	\$150,000.00	1	\$150,000.00
Airport Rentals	\$50,000.00	1	\$50,000.00
Call outs	\$14,000.00	1	\$14,000.00
Contribution from general fund	\$82,000.00	1	\$82,000.00
AmountMatched	\$296,000.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$80,000.00

Amount Matched

\$296,000.00

Total Amount

\$376,000.00

Uploaded Files

Name
No files have been uploaded.

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Overview

Project Name

AWOS relocation

Total Requested

\$35,000.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Critical

Reoccurring Need?

Not Reoccurring

Applicant Information

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Categories

- Economic development
- Infrastructure
- Safety/Security
- Transportation

Project Description

The current AWOS (automated weather observation system) is using outdated technology and we are no longer able to get replacement parts for it. We have worked with MDOT Aeronautics to secure funding from the State of Michigan to replace the AWOS, however the FAA has new regulations for a clear area around the AWOS. If left in it's current location we would have to clear approx. 6 acres of wooded wetland and mitigate the wetland areas at a cost of 100's of thousands of dollars. We have selected a location for the new AWOS that does not involve any clearing or disturbance of wetlands, but need funds to relocate the infrastructure.

Benefit Description

The AWOS (automated weather observation system) is a critical instrument used by pilots for safe landing and takeoffs at the Mt. Pleasant Reginal Airport. The system provides pilots current weather conditions, cloud ceiling heights, wind speeds and direction, visibility, and an altimeter reading. All of this information is also disseminated out for use on many of the weather apps. found on cell phones. With the type of aircraft the utilizes the airport, this equipment is vital to safe operations. Relocating the AWOS is a more cost effective environmentally friendly way to do the much needed upgrade to the system.

Funding Requirements

The State of Michigan is paying \$120,000 for the system upgrade to the AWOS (automated weather observation system), and we contract with MDOT Aeronautic for maintenance and inspection of the equipment. \$35,000 is a one time request to relocate the AWOS to an area free of obstructions.

Project Timeline

We plan to relocate the AWOS in 2025 upon coordination with MDOT Aero.

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
AWOS relocation	\$35,000.00	1	\$35,000.00	Transportation
AmountRequested	\$35,000.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
AWOS Upgrade	\$120,000.00	1	\$120,000.00
AmountMatched	\$120,000.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$35,000.00

Amount Matched

\$120,000.00

Total Amount

\$155,000.00

Uploaded Files

Name
No files have been uploaded.

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Overview

Project Name

Emergency Services Team and Youth Academy Van

Total Requested

\$80,640.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Critical

Reoccurring Need?

Not Reoccurring

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Categories

- Education
 - Safety/Security
 - Transportation
-

Project Description

The Emergency Services Team (EST) is a multijurisdictional unit consisting of officers from the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Police Department, and the Central Michigan University Police Department. The EST responds and manages high risk critical incidents throughout Isabella County.

The EST utilizes the transport van when responding to high risk critical incidents with its 16 member tactical team. When responding to a critical incident the team uses is a 2003 Dodge Ram 1500 rear wheel drive transport van. The van is 22 years old, beyond it's service life and unreliable causing logistical problems when the EST is needed. The van is out of service permanently do to a costly electrical repair that is needed.

This project is for the replacement of the Emergency Services Team (EST) Personnel Van. If funded, a 1-Ton, 4 Wheel Drive Chevrolet Express Cargo Van would be purchased. This van would also be up-fitted with all the necessary equipment.

Benefit Description

EST responds to critical, high-risk incidents throughout all of Isabella County. The goal of every incident is to resolve it peacefully and to save lives. Part of that is accomplished first by members of the EST arriving on scene efficiently, safely and with all the equipment they may need. The vehicle would enhance our abilities to get to scenes in any weather or terrain in rural areas of the county. The enhanced stability and load capabilities of a one-ton vehicle that carries 12 members plus their equipment would be a significant improvement over our current van. When fully loaded with personnel and equipment the weight exceeds 3500 pounds. In addition, this vehicle would allow for the towing of a specialized equipment trailer that the current van is unable to tow due to weight capacity limitations.

In addition to the EST use, this van would also be used during the Annual Youth Police Academy to transport cadets. Cadets are brought to numerous different locations throughout the Youth Academy and having safe and reliable transportation is very important. At the start of the Fall Semester for CMU the van would also serve as our civil unrest (riot) gear equipment carrier that can be deployed in a moment's notice if need be.

Funding Requirements

Routine maintenance, repairs and upkeep will be split among the participating EST police agencies as the need arises.

Project Timeline

The van would be ordered immediately if funding was granted. Thank you for your consideration.

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
2025 Chevrolet 3500 Van	\$58,000.00	1	\$58,000.00	Safety/Security
Upfit and Conversions	\$22,640.00	1	\$22,640.00	Safety/Security
AmountRequested	\$80,640.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
No Matching Funds items have been added.			
AmountMatched	\$0.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$80,640.00

Amount Matched

\$0.00

Total Amount

\$80,640.00

Uploaded Files

Name
Van Pricing and Specs
Upfit and Conversions Pricing

There are no comments to display.

Overview

Project Name

Partners Empowering All Kids (PEAK)

Total Requested

\$115,000.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Critical

Reoccurring Need?

This Request is Reoccurring

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Categories

- Education
 - Peak
 - Safety/Security
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Project Description

The PEAK program stands for Partners Empowering All Kids and is a partnership between the City of Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties. PEAK has worked collaboratively with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and United Way of Gratiot and Isabella Counties on multiple special events. Events such as PEAK's Super Summer Showcase is preceded by a "penny war" that the program uses to raise funds for United Way in order to teach children about community service and helping those in need. In addition, the PEAK program holds an annual community service day – held in partnership with the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan University's Office of Native American Programs – that brings children, families and the community together in order to provide food and other household necessities for those in need in the Mt. Pleasant community. The PEAK program has put a renewed focus on enrichment opportunities through collaborative efforts, unique

community partnerships and the importance and understanding of cultural diversity. PEAK is entering its 24th year of operation and has become a staple for children's services that the community and school system relies on to keep area children safe, educated and enriched.

The PEAK After-School program operates at all five Mount Pleasant Public School elementary schools (Fancher, Ganiard, McGuire, Pullen, Vowles) – serving area children grades K-5. The PEAK Summer Camp program operates for 10 weeks during the summer at elementary schools based on availability from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

PEAK provides mentorship and enrichment programming for 200 elementary school students every day after school and for 350 students daily during PEAK Summer Camp through educational, recreational, physical and social-based programming in collaboration with Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum, Central Michigan University's recreational, educational and athletics programs, Potter Park Zoo, The Jump Station, Therapy Dogs International and many other area businesses and organizations. We have also been successful in implementing Native American cultural programming into our summer curriculum through SCIT music and arts presentations and teachings. The goal of this programming is to increase cultural awareness of the community's Native American population. An increased focus has also been put on MPPS involvement from principals, teachers and other administrative staff in areas of hiring, program development and expectations in order to lay a foundation for continued program growth and strength.

In addition to the general education students, PEAK also staffs Special Needs Assistants at each site in order to provide the same high-quality programming for students with educational, emotional and physical disabilities. It's very important to the program and to the community that we are able to meet the needs of every child, regardless of their limitations. Inclusivity of all children is a major component of the PEAK program.

The PEAK staff consists of roughly 50 highly-qualified individuals, most of which are CMU students majoring in general education, special education, recreation and other related fields. Another major component of the PEAK program is not simply to have staff, but to have qualified and trained staff who are capable of providing the children in the program with the care they need and deserve. In order to achieve this high-level of training and qualified staff, PEAK partners with the Children and Family Enrichment Child Advocacy Center of Isabella County, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and other agencies to achieve the highest level of training possible.

One of the goals of the PEAK program is to ensure that every child is able to participate, regardless of their ability to pay. Scholarship assistance is available to ensure that every child has the opportunity to participate in the program and enjoy all the benefits – regardless of their ability to pay.

Benefit Description

While there are literally thousands of studies and statistics and testimonials to support the long-term benefits of quality after-school and summer programming for children, the simple answer to why PEAK is so important is that there are a great number of area children who simply do not have a place to go after school. For those who do have a place to go, many times that place is not safe and/or conducive to educational, physical and social growth. PEAK is able to provide students of all walks of life and backgrounds the opportunity to grow in ways that will set them up for future success by means of quality programming, positive role models and a safe and enriching environment. Quite simply, without the PEAK program, hundreds of children would have no place to go after school and would be put in dangerous positions and situations that would compromise their safety and the safety of others. PEAK provides the program participants, their parents and the community as a whole with a sense of security, knowing that their children are well cared for in an environment that will help develop good educational and social habits to ensure future growth and success.

In addition to the school day and summer camp curriculum, PEAK also puts a strong focus on teaching children the importance of community and of giving back. Each summer, special events such as Community Service Day, Super Summer Showcase and the Penny War highlight the relationship with United Way and the community by having children generate monetary funds and thousands of food items and school supplies that they then give back to those who are in need. We feel that this is a benefit to the children by teaching to them the importance of giving back to those in need, while meeting critical needs in the community.

The increased focus on MPPS involvement will also help ensure that the PEAK program serves as an extension of what teachers are trying to accomplish during the school day. Consistent communication with teachers and parents of the children enrolled in the PEAK program allows PEAK to put a focus on and meet the most challenging aspects of the school curriculum. PEAK offers one-on-one tutoring and homework help that can be targeted to specific areas of the school day that children find most challenging. Through the relationship with CMU, PEAK hires CMU students in education, recreation and other related fields so that they can gain real-life experience to better prepare them for both their professional and personal life after graduation.

The PEAK program has been working with members and organizations of the Tribe on implementing Native American cultural components into our summer programming. We aim to increase cultural awareness and understanding of our local cultures in order to create more accepting, understanding and culturally-educated students. Cultural diversity is a part of the Mt. Pleasant community that we are blessed to have and we feel this should be celebrated by working directly with the Tribe and their affiliated organizations to

create fun, engaging and culturally enriching opportunities for both the Tribe and our PEAK students.

Next summer we are planning a field trip to the Ziibiwing Center for our Summer Camp PEAK sites. We are looking forward to going to visit new and existing exhibits and learning about history and traditions from the Anishinabe people. Through these experiences we hope increase the knowledge of the youth of our city and expose them to different cultural components and opportunities that are present right in Mt. Pleasant. If awarded, a portion of this grant will be used in order for us to attend this field trip and other field trips similar to it.

Funding Requirements

The 21st Century Grant that awarded in 2000 only covered the first five years of operation. Since then, the program has relied heavily on funding from outside sources in order to keep program fees low, without having to sacrifice the quality of care being offered to local school children. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe has been instrumental in allowing this program to exist in a manner that allows children of all economic and social backgrounds to participate – regardless of their ability to pay.

Historically, one-half of the PEAK program budget came in the form of Tribal 2% funds. Tribal support is extremely important to the overall quality and long-term health of the PEAK program and all the children and families it serves and over time, efforts have been made to control expenses program-wide. The remaining PEAK budget is made up of program fees, and support from entities such as United Way have provided the remaining funding needs. Program fees are kept at a minimum and are based on family income and a family's ability to pay. Over \$60,000 is made available annually in form of scholarship assistance to ensure that every child is able to participate in PEAK – regardless of their ability to pay.

It has been the goal of PEAK to increase the amount of revenue generated from the PEAK K-5 program through fundraising and other available grants while decreasing the portion requested from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. Without the continued support of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe through 2% allocations, the PEAK program would need to undergo a comprehensive evaluation in order to determine if this is a program that is economically feasible. Therefore, the PEAK program is requesting approximately 30 percent of the total funds needed to continue to provide the K-5 grade PEAK program to children and families in the community as it currently exists.

Description of Reoccurring Need

The project is a yearly program and is ongoing.

Project Timeline

The project is a yearly program and is ongoing.

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Spring Request	\$115,000.00	1	\$115,000.00	Peak
AmountRequested	\$115,000.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
City yearly match	\$549,670.00	1	\$549,670.00
AmountMatched	\$549,670.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$115,000.00

Amount Matched

\$549,670.00

Total Amount

\$664,670.00

Uploaded Files

Name
No files have been uploaded.

There are no comments to display.

Overview

Project Name

Lime Disposal

Total Requested

\$215,000.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

High

Recurring Need?

Not Recurring

Applicant Information

Applicant Name

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Applicant Email

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Categories

- Environmental
 - Infrastructure
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Project Description

The water treatment plant softens water using a chemical precipitation process. Lime residual is produced as part of this treatment process. This is a required and ongoing project.

Benefit Description

This is a project that must be completed to ensure continued ability to produce softened drinking water. Lime residual removal is required every 3-5 years depending on the amount produced per year. Additional funding would allow us to remove an amount in 2026 to make up for the lack of removal caused by increased costs realized since 2019.

Funding Requirements

This project is a part of an ongoing Asset Management Program that is funded by the Capitol Improvement Planning process. The city was previously awarded a 2% grant in 2021 for lime residual removal.

Project Timeline

Summer 2026

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Lime Disposal	\$215,000.00	1	\$215,000.00	Infrastructure
AmountRequested	\$215,000.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
Lime Disposal	\$215,000.00	1	\$215,000.00
AmountMatched	\$215,000.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$215,000.00

Amount Matched

\$215,000.00

Total Amount

\$430,000.00

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Overview

Project Name

Annual Roadway Pavement Markings

Total Requested

\$35,000.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Low

Reoccurring Need?

Not Reoccurring

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Project Description

Annually, the city contracts for pavement marking on major streets including long-line markings, crosswalks, centerline, bike lane symbols, railroad crossings, and school crossings. The paint is applied on a 2-3 year cycle depending on condition, with high traffic majors streets painted every year. Parking lot lines on-street and in the parks are repainted as needed.

The \$35,000 in 2% grant funds would pay for the 2025 pavement marking contract which would cover markings of approximately 1/3 of the city's major streets. The cost estimate is based on the bid total for the 2024 pavement marking contract.

Benefit Description

Pavement markings increase visibility of pedestrian crossings, promote roadway safety, improve efficiency, provide guidance for pedestrians and drivers, and reduce the risk of accidents.

Funding Requirements

Not Entered

Project Timeline

Summer 2025

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Pavement Markings	\$35,000.00	1	\$35,000.00	Safety/Security
AmountRequested	\$35,000.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
No Matching Funds items have been added.			
AmountMatched	\$0.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$35,000.00

Amount Matched

\$0.00

Total Amount

\$35,000.00

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Overview

Project Name

Kinney Street Mill and Overlay

Total Requested

\$290,000.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Medium

Reoccurring Need?

Not Reoccurring

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- Infrastructure
 - Transportation
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Project Description

The city's engineering department utilizes an in-depth process to develop our capital plan for the maintenance of our street network. It involves regular evaluation of the street surface to determine the right "mix of fixes" to maintain the system as effectively as possible. Generally, our mix of fixes includes crack sealing, thin overlays, mill and overlays, and full reconstructs. We strive to schedule these projects at the most effective point in a street segment's maintenance curve to get the highest return on investment in terms of service life that we can.

Our streets spend most of their useful life in a cycle of mill/overlays and thin overlays since these are far more effective treatments on a dollar/year basis than full reconstructs. Reconstruction is around 50x more expensive than overlays. However, we have streets in the city that have had their curb pans overlaid causing issues with being able to stay in the overlay cycle.

In the past contractors have been unwilling to mill streets that have overlaid curb pans due to constructability issues. They have been

concerned about damaging the milling machine by striking the concrete curb or having drainage issues after leaving asphalt in the curb. Recently our engineering team worked with our local asphalt contractor to produce a set of specifications that we think will allow us to do a mill and overlay project on these street segments. This project, if funded, would be a proof of concept and allow us to program our capital improvement plan more effectively in the future utilizing this new "fix".

Benefit Description

With the recent, significant, decrease in funding for our street network from the state of Michigan, we must find more cost-effective treatments to maintain our streets. This project would help us greatly in that effort.

Funding Requirements

The City's overlay program is ongoing with projects of various size and location happening normally every year.

Project Timeline

Summer of 2026

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Mill and Overlay of Kinney from Michigan to Pickard	\$290,000.00	1	\$290,000.00	Infrastructure
AmountRequested	\$290,000.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
Other overlays planned for 2026	\$421,000.00	1	\$421,000.00
AmountMatched	\$421,000.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$290,000.00

Amount Matched

\$421,000.00

Total Amount

\$711,000.00

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KinneyEstimate20240826_2025-03-06.pdf

There are no comments to display.

Overview

Project Name

Sanitary Sewer Relining

Total Requested

\$100,000.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Medium

Reoccurring Need?

Not Reoccurring

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Categories

- Environmental
 - Infrastructure
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Project Description

Every other year the city funds a project to reline the sanitary sewer pipes in our collection system that are in the worst condition based on video inspections, age and material of pipes.

Benefit Description

The relining process is far less invasive than installing new pipe and substantially more cost effective. Once the new liner is installed, we essentially have a new pipe and water infiltration, and exfiltration is substantially reduced.

Funding Requirements

N/A

Project Timeline

Summer of 2026

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Sanitary Sewer Relining (ft)	\$50.00	2000	\$100,000.00	Infrastructure
AmountRequested	\$100,000.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
Sanitary Sewer Relining (ft)	\$50.00	2000	\$100,000.00
AmountMatched	\$100,000.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$100,000.00

Amount Matched

\$100,000.00

Total Amount

\$200,000.00

Uploaded Files

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No files have been uploaded.

There are no comments to display.

Overview

Project Name

Sewer Pipeline Inspection Camera

Total Requested

\$57,615.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Medium

Reoccurring Need?

Not Reoccurring

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- Environmental
 - Infrastructure
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Project Description

This request is for the purchase of a new sewer camera for completing routine and emergency pipeline inspections.

Benefit Description

Regular inspections and assessments are essential for effectively prioritizing capital projects concerning the city's sanitary and storm sewer collection systems. Without direct visibility into the condition of the pipes, we must resort to less accurate indicators, such as pipe age and material.

During emergencies, the pipeline inspection camera proves invaluable and saves time in identifying issues. This proactive approach

protects properties from potential flood damage by enabling timely resolution before sewer backups exacerbate the situation.

The initial support from SCIT in procuring our first sewer camera for pipeline inspections in 2004 was instrumental. Since then, we have used the system extensively to evaluate miles of sewer pipe and deployed it in numerous emergency situations. However, with the current equipment demanding significant upkeep and lagging behind advancements in technology, it is necessary to upgrade to a new system.

Funding Requirements

Equipment maintenance will be managed within the motor pool operational budget.

Project Timeline

Not Entered

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Sewer Camera and Required Accessories	\$57,615.00	1	\$57,615.00	Infrastructure
AmountRequested	\$57,615.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
Sewer Camera and Required Accessories	\$57,615.00	1	\$57,615.00
AmountMatched	\$57,615.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$57,615.00

Amount Matched

\$57,615.00

Total Amount

\$115,230.00

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Overview

Project Name

Sidewalk and Streetscape on Broadway

Total Requested

\$190,900.00

(amount based on the Itemized Budget total)

Applicant Project Priority

Low

Reoccurring Need?

Not Reoccurring

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Categories

- Infrastructure
 - Safety/Security
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Project Description

The city will be replacing retaining walls that run along the north side of Broadway Street in front of city hall. We would like to replace the broken sidewalk and streetscape elements when we build this project.

Benefit Description

For a number of years, the city has been updating streetscapes along streets in the downtown as reconstruction happens. Broadway to the east of this location has already been refurbished. Doing this work during the construction of the retaining walls will be a more cost-effective time to do the work as contractors will already be mobilized.

Funding Requirements

Not Entered

Project Timeline

2026

Budget Items

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total	Category
Streetscape	\$149,000.00	1	\$149,000.00	Infrastructure
Sidewalk Replacement	\$41,900.00	1	\$41,900.00	Infrastructure
AmountRequested	\$190,900.00			

Matching Funds

Name	Cost	Quantity	Total
Retaining Walls	\$1,000,000.00	1	\$1,000,000.00
AmountMatched	\$1,000,000.00		

Budget Summary

Amount Requested

\$190,900.00

Amount Matched

\$1,000,000.00

Total Amount

\$1,190,900.00

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2025
TO: Aaron Desentz, City Manager
FROM: Paul Lauria, Director of Public Safety
SUBJECT: Park Trails Speed Limit Work Session

The City Commission directed staff to research the possibility of implementing a speed limit and/or other safety measures to increase safety on our park system's pathways. As the use of e-bikes continues to grow, it is essential to consider policies that balance their benefits with public safety and community concerns. The integration into existing infrastructure raises questions regarding regulations, safety, and shared-use paths.

It is important to understand the difference between the classification of e-bikes. Michigan designates three classes of electric bicycles (law attached):

- **Class 1:** Bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycles reaches 20 mph.
- **Class 2:** Bicycle equipped with a throttle-actuated motor, that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches 20mph.
- **Class 3:** Bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches 28 mph.

Class 1 electric bicycles are allowed on bike paths and linear trails; while **Class 2 or 3** electric bicycles are not unless the local agency authorizes them.

We already have an ordinance for Bicycles and Parks and Recreation Rules that address issues of speed and safety on our park paths. See the attachment *Chapter 72: Bicycles - Section*



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72.17 and 72.18. In addition to attachment *Chapter 97: Parks and Recreation - Section 97.17 Traffic (A), (4) - highlight.*

After a brief presentation of the laws, ordinances, and rules we currently have to address these issues, I will be seeking further direction if the Commission decides that more needs to be done to increase safety on the paths. Some of the broader questions that may need to be discussed include:

1. Do we ban all classes of e-bikes on pathways, knowing that pedal bicycles can go equally as fast, if not faster than an e-bike depending on the rider?
2. Do we keep ordinances and rules *status quo* and continue to manage situations on an as reported basis?
3. Enhanced focus on education, etiquette, and signage to user?
4. Any changes made may impact on the future connection of the Mid-Michigan Pathway Project.

I look forward to our discussion at the work session.

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 300 of 1949

257.13e "Electric bicycle" defined.

Sec. 13e. "Electric bicycle" means a device upon which an individual may ride that satisfies all of the following:

(a) The device is equipped with all of the following:

(i) A seat or saddle for use by the rider.

(ii) Fully operable pedals for human propulsion.

(iii) An electric motor of not greater than 750 watts.

(b) The device falls within 1 of the following categories:

(i) Class 1 electric bicycle. As used in this subparagraph, "class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour.

(ii) Class 2 electric bicycle. As used in this subparagraph, "class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that propels the electric bicycle to a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not, and that disengages or ceases to function when the brakes are applied.

(iii) Class 3 electric bicycle. As used in this subparagraph, "class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour.

History: Add. 2017, Act 139, Eff. Jan. 28, 2018.

MICHIGAN'S ELECTRIC BICYCLE LAW



MICHIGAN'S ELECTRIC BICYCLE LAW FOR THE ROAD

- » Electric bicycles are regulated like bicycles. The same rules of the road apply to both electric bicycles and human-powered bicycles.
- » Electric bicycles are not subject to the registration, licensing, or insurance requirements that apply to motor vehicles.
- » Michigan designates three classes of electric bicycles:
 - Class 1: Bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches 20 mph.
 - Class 2: Bicycle equipped with a throttle-actuated motor, that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches 20 mph.
 - Class 3: Bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches 28 mph.
- » Class 1 electric bicycles are allowed on bike paths and linear trails; while Class 2 or 3 electric bicycles are not, unless the local agency authorizes them. When in doubt, check with your town, city, or county for local rules and regulations.
- » Helmets are required for riders of Class 3 electric bicycles under 18 years of age. Persons under 14 years of age may not ride a Class 3 electric bicycle, unless they are riding as a passenger. To ride an electric bicycle within the Mackinac Island State Park, a permit is required.

*The following Michigan laws are referenced: Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 257.32b, 257.216, 257.312a, 257.801e, 750.419.

eMTB GUIDELINES

- » On federal, state, country and local trails, electric mountain bike (eMTB) access varies significantly.
- » Generally, any natural surface trail that is designated as open to both motorized and non-motorized uses is also open to eMTBs.
- » eMTBs may not be allowed on trails managed for non-motorized activities.
- » Do not ride your eMTB in areas where the local rules are unclear. Ride legally and only on authorized trails to show that mountain bikers are responsible trail users.
- » When in doubt, ask your local land manager about access to specific trails. Local land rules change frequently.

MICHIGAN'S ELECTRIC BICYCLE LAW FOR TRAILS

- » LOCAL: Consult your local land management agency.
- » STATE: Currently, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources does not allow electric bicycles on natural surface trails like hiking or MTB trails. Electric bicycles are permitted on improved surface linear trails and rail-trails. Contact the department for the most up to date information. PeopleForBikes is monitoring this policy and will update this document as needed.
- » FEDERAL: The majority of public lands managed for recreation in Michigan are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service, where eMTBs are considered motorized vehicles and have access to motorized trails. Contact the U.S. Forest Service Eastern Regional Office for more information.

CHECK OUT

- » A map of great eMTB rides at peopleforbikes.org/emtb
- » eMTB "Adventures" at peopleforbikes.org/electric-bikes

GREAT eMTB RIDES IN MICHIGAN

- » **Huron-Manistee National Forest Trail**
Oscoda | 22 miles
- » **Keweenaw State Trail**
Copper Harbor | 51.7 miles

With an electric bicycle, bicyclists can ride more often, farther, and for more trips.

Electric bicycles are designed to be as safe as traditional bicycles, do not compromise consumer safety, and benefit bicyclists who may be discouraged from riding a traditional bicycle due to limited physical fitness, age, disability or convenience.

In many states, electric bicycles are regulated under antiquated laws primarily aimed at combustion engine vehicles such as mopeds or scooters. PeopleForBikes is clarifying state laws governing the use of electric bicycles in the U.S. Every state's law is different, but the objective is to ensure that low-speed electric bicycles are regulated similarly to traditional, human-powered bicycles.



Learn more at PeopleForBikes.org/electric-bikes

- » Blogs and webinars
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CHAPTER 72: BICYCLES

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 72.01 BICYCLE DEFINED.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

BICYCLE. Any device propelled by human power upon which any person may ride, having two or three wheels in a tandem or tricycle arrangement, all of which are over 14 inches in diameter.

§ 72.02 TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY TO PERSONS RIDING BICYCLES.

Each person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle by the laws of this state declaring rules of the road applicable to vehicles or by the traffic regulations of the city applicable to vehicles or by the traffic regulations of the city applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations in this chapter pertaining to bicycles and except as to those provisions of laws and regulations which, by their nature, can have no application.

§ 72.03 RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

No parent of any child, nor guardian of any ward, shall authorize or knowingly permit any such child or ward to violate any of the provisions of this chapter.

Penalty, see § 72.99

OPERATING REGULATIONS

§ 72.15 OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES.

(A) Each person operating a bicycle shall obey the instructions of official traffic-control signals, signs, and other control devices applicable to vehicles, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

(B) Whenever authorized signs are erected indicating that no right or left or "U" turn is permitted, no person operating a bicycle shall disobey the direction of any sign, except where such person dismounts from the bicycle to make any such turn, in which event such person shall then obey the regulations applicable to pedestrians.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.16 RIDING ON SEAT; NUMBER OF RIDERS.

(A) No person propelling a bicycle shall ride other than astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

(B) No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.17 RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS.

(A) Each person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right-hand side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(B) No person riding a bicycle upon a street or highway shall ride more than two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

(C) Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a street or highway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the street or highway.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.18 SPEED.

No person shall operate a bicycle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the condition then existing.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.19 EMERGING FROM ALLEY OR DRIVEWAY.

The operator of a bicycle, emerging from an alley, driveway, or building, shall, upon approaching a sidewalk or the sidewalk area extending across any alleyway, yield the right-of-way to all pedestrians approaching on said sidewalk or sidewalk area and upon entering the roadway, shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles approaching on said roadway.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.20 CLINGING TO VEHICLES.

No person operating a bicycle shall attach the same or himself/herself to any vehicle upon a roadway.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.21 CARRYING ARTICLES.

No person operating a bicycle shall carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the rider from keeping both hands upon the handle bars.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.22 PARKING.

No person shall park a bicycle upon a street other than upon the roadway against the curb or upon the sidewalk in a rack to support the bicycle or against a building or at the curb, in such manner as to afford the least obstruction to pedestrian traffic.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.23 RIDING ON SIDEWALKS.

(A) The Director of Public Safety or his/her designee is authorized to erect signs on any sidewalk, street, or roadway prohibiting the riding of bicycles thereon by any person, and when such signs are in place, no person shall disobey the same.

(B) Whenever any person is riding a bicycle upon a sidewalk, such person shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing such pedestrian.

Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.24 LAMPS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT ON BICYCLES.

(A) Each bicycle when in use at night-time shall be equipped with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front and with a red reflector on the rear of a type which shall be visible from all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps on a motor vehicle. A lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear may be used in addition to the red reflector.

(B) No person shall operate a bicycle unless it is equipped with a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least 100 feet except that a bicycle shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

(C) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

Penalty, see § 72.99

RENTALS

§ 72.35 RENTAL AGENCIES.

A bicycle rental agency shall not rent or offer any bicycle for rent unless such bicycle is equipped with the lamps and other equipment required in this chapter.

(Am. Ord. 946, passed 4-13-09) Penalty, see § 72.99

§ 72.99 PENALTY.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be held responsible for a municipal civil infraction and prosecuted in accordance with the Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance. The fine for violation of a municipal civil infraction under this chapter shall not exceed \$50. Any minor who violates any provision of this chapter shall be dealt with by the juvenile division of the probate court or as prescribed by the laws of the state.

Cross-reference:

Municipal civil infractions, see Chapter 36

Statutory reference:

Jurisdiction of probate court, see M.C.L.A. §§ 712A.1 et seq.

CHAPTER 97: PARKS AND RECREATION

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 97.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

DIRECTOR. A person immediately in charge of any park area and its activities, and to whom all park attendants of such area are responsible.

PARK. A park, reservation, playground, beach, recreation center or any other area in the city, owned or used by the city, and devoted to active or passive recreation. The term **PARK** shall also include Riverside Cemetery.

PARK ATTENDANT. Any employee of the city whose job functions include maintaining, repairing or supervising a park or whose job functions include enforcing this chapter, including park rangers.

VEHICLE. Any wheeled conveyance, whether motor-powered, animal-drawn, or self-propelled. The term shall include any trailer in tow of or description. Exception is made for baby carriages and vehicles in the service of the city parks.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

Cross-reference:

Cemetery regulations, see Chapter 92

§ 97.02 PARK OPERATING POLICY.

(A) **Park hours.** City parks shall be open daily to the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. No person shall occupy or be present in any park during the hours it is not open to the public, provided that city personnel, police officers on official duty, or other city officers, or employees on park duty, or other persons with special permits from the Parks and Recreation Department who are conducting city business are not so restricted.

(B) *Closed areas.* Any section or part of any park may be declared closed to the public by the Director at any time, and for any interval of time, either temporarily, or at regular and stated intervals (daily or otherwise), and either entirely, or merely to certain uses, as the Director shall find reasonably necessary.

(C) *Authority for use of facilities.* Any organized club, school, association, or recognized group desiring the exclusive and/or scheduled use of specific areas of any park, such as picnic areas, athletic fields and court areas, or park shelters, must file an application with the Parks and Recreation Department, and shall not use said area until said permit is granted. The use of the park shall be in the capable limits of the park.

(1) *Special permits, agreements and contracts.* Any organized club, school, organization, association, or recognized group desiring the use of a portion of the park system for money-raising affairs, whether to cover the cost of operation or for profit, shall file an application with the Parks and Recreation Department, and pay to the Department as required by the Parks and Recreation Commission, such fees, charges, rents, or percentages as required by the Department for such activities and events. The application, among other information, must designate the portion of the parks desired, where ticket sales will be set up, or money is to be collected, and how much per person or other unit of measurement, the location of which shall be under control of the Parks and Recreation Department. Any fees for the permit may be waived or refunded at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

(2) *Exclusive use of park.* No permit shall be issued for the exclusive use of any park and no permittee shall exclude the public from the park, charge any admittance fee, sell tickets or otherwise require anyone to pay any fee for entering any park except as provided in division (C)(1) hereof.

(3) *Granting of permits.* The authority for granting permits shall be with the Parks and Recreation Department.

(4) *Cleanup by permittee.* All permits shall require the permittee to clean up the park area after the activity has terminated and all applications for permits must give the name, address, and phone number of the permittee responsible for the necessary policing thereof. The permittee shall be required to pay a security deposit for cleaning up the area.

(5) *Honoring special permits.* All persons shall honor any special permits issued by the Parks and Recreation Department for certain areas, days, and times to clubs, organizations, teams, or any other groups, including but not limited to picnic grounds, ball diamonds, skating rinks, and stadiums, provided such permit is presented on official Parks and Recreation forms.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

§ 97.03 ENFORCEMENT.

(A) *Officials.* The Director and park attendants shall take such actions as are necessary for the enforcement of this chapter consistent with city ordinances and state law. Park attendants shall have the powers of law enforcement officers and may issue appearance tickets in accordance with M.C.L.A. § 764.9c-764.9g.

(B) *Ejection.* The Director and park attendants shall have the authority to eject for a period of 24 hours from the park any person who violates this chapter. Repeated violations of this chapter may result in permanent ejection from any park.

(C) *Seizure of property.* The Director and any park attendant shall have the authority to seize and confiscate any property, thing or device in the park used in violation of this chapter.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

§ 97.04 FEES.

Parks and recreation fees shall be set by resolution of the Commission.

(Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

ACTIVITIES BY PERSONS IN PARKS

§ 97.15 PARK PROPERTY.

No person in a park shall:

(A) *Buildings and other property.*

(1) *Disfiguration and removal.* Willfully mark, deface, disfigure, injure, tamper with, or displace or remove, any buildings, bridges, tables, benches, fireplaces, railings, paving or paving materials, water lines or other public utilities or parts or appurtenances thereof, signs, notices or placards whether temporary or permanent, monuments, stakes, posts, or other boundary markers, or other structures or equipment, facilities or park property or appurtenances whatsoever, either real or personal.

(2) *Restrooms and washrooms.* Fail to cooperate in maintaining restrooms and washrooms in a neat and sanitary condition.

(3) *Removal of natural resources.* Dig, or remove any beach sand, whether submerged or not, or any soil, rock, stones, trees, shrubs or plants, down-timber or other wood or materials, or make any excavation by tool, equipment, blasting, or other means or agency.

(4) *Erection of structures.* Construct or erect any building or structure of whatever kind, whether permanent or temporary in character or run or string any public service utility into, upon or across such lands, except on special written permit issued hereunder.

(B) *Trees, shrubbery, lawns.*

(1) *Injury and removal.* Damage, cut, carve, transplant or remove any tree or plant or injure the bark, or pick the flowers or seeds, of any tree or plant. Nor shall any person attach any rope, wire, or other contrivance to any tree or plant. A person shall not dig in or otherwise disturb grass areas, or in any other way injure or impair the natural beauty or usefulness of any area.

(2) *Climbing.* Climb any building or walk, stand or sit upon monuments, vases, fountains, railing, fences or upon any other property not designated or customarily used for such purposes.

(C) *Wild animals, birds and the like.*

(1) *Hunting.* Hunt, molest, harm, frighten, kill, trap, chase, tease, shoot or throw missiles at any animal, reptile, or bird; nor shall anyone remove or have in their possession the young of any wild animal, or the eggs or nest, or young of any reptile or bird.

(2) *Feedings.* Give or offer, or attempt to give to any animal or bird any tobacco, alcohol or other known noxious substances.

(D) *Glass containers.* Bring or use glass containers within the park.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21) Penalty, see §97.99

§ 97.16 SANITATION.

No person in a park shall:

(A) *Pollution of waters.* Throw, discharge, or otherwise place or cause to be placed in the waters of any fountain, pond, lake, stream, or other body of water in or adjacent to any park or any tributary, stream, storm sewer, or drain flowing into such waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid, which will or may result in the pollution of said waters.

(B) *Refuse and trash.* Have brought in or shall dump, deposit or leave any bottles, broken glass, ashes, paper, boxes, cans, dirt, rubbish, waste, garbage, or refuse, or other trash. No such refuse or trash shall be placed in any waters in or contiguous to any park, or left anywhere on the grounds thereof.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21) Penalty, see §97.99

§ 97.17 TRAFFIC.

(A) No person in a park shall:

(1) *State motor vehicle laws apply.* Fail to comply with all applicable provisions of the state motor vehicle traffic laws in regard to equipment and operation of vehicles together with such regulations as are contained in this chapter and other ordinances.

(2) *Enforcement of traffic regulations.* Fail to obey all traffic officers and park employees, such persons being hereby authorized and instructed to direct traffic whenever and wherever needed in the parks and on the highways, street or roads immediately adjacent thereto in accordance with the provisions of these regulations and such supplementary regulations as may subsequently be issued by the Director.

(3) *Obey traffic signs.* Fail to observe carefully all traffic signs indicating speed, direction, caution, stopping, or parking, and all others posted for proper control and to safeguard life and property.

(4) *Speed of vehicles.* Ride or drive a vehicle at a rate of speed exceeding 15 miles an hour, except upon such roads as the Director may designate, by posted signs, for speedier travel.

(5) *Operation confined to roads.* Drive any vehicle on any area except the paved park roads or parking areas, or such other areas as may on occasion be specifically designated as temporary parking areas by the Director.

(6) *Parking.*

(a) *Designated areas.* Park a vehicle in other than an established or designated parking area, and such use shall be in accordance with the posted directions there at and with the instructions of any attendant who may be present.

(b) *Removal of vehicles.* Without permission no person shall park or store any motor vehicle overnight in any park owned by the city. Members of the Police Department are hereby authorized to remove any motor vehicle so parked or stored.

(c) *Immovable vehicles.* Leave any vehicle anywhere in the park with one or more wheels chained, or with motor set in gear and doors locked, or in any manner fixed or arranged so that such vehicle cannot readily be moved by hand.

(d) *Emergency procedure.* Fail to immediately notify an attendant of an emergency in the nature of a breakdown requiring the assistance of a tow-truck, mechanic or other person.

(e) *Double-parking.* Doublepark any vehicle on any road or parkway unless directed by a park official.

(f) *Muffler required.* Fail to use a muffler adequate to deaden the sound of the exhaust system in a motor vehicle.

(7) *Bicycles.*

(a) *Prohibited areas and adverse operation.* Operate a bicycle in such a way as to cause damage to any park amenity, bench, table, turf, or pavement. Bicycle operation is prohibited within park buildings, pavilions, and on playgrounds, sports fields and courts unless authorized as part of a city-sanctioned event or program. Performed tricks or "grinding" on objects may only be done within a designated area as may be provided for such purpose.

(b) *Operation.* Bicyclists shall at all times operate same with reasonable regard to the safety of others, signal all turns, and follow all applicable road traffic laws and Share the Trail etiquette policy published by the Parks and Recreation Department. Pedestrians will have the right of way on all trails, sidewalks, and roadways unless otherwise designated for specific bicycle use.

(c) *Rider prohibited.* Ride more persons on a bicycle than the bicycle was designed to accommodate.

(d) *Designated racks.* Leave a bicycle in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is a space available.

(e) *Immobile.* Leave a bicycle lying on the ground or paving or set against trees, or in any place or position where other persons may trip over or be injured by them.

(f) *Night operation.* Ride a bicycle at night without an attached headlight and without a tail light or reflector plainly visible.

(g) *Riverside Cemetery.* Operate a bicycle anywhere within the Riverside Cemetery except on designated roads only.

(8) *Unsafe operation of vehicle.* Operate a vehicle as defined by this chapter in an unsafe manner.

(B) Any unlicensed vehicles or "all-terrain vehicles," or snowmobiles shall be prohibited from use in any park, unless authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department and designated in certain areas.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21) Penalty, see §97.99

§ 97.18 RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

No person in a park shall:

(A) *Bathing and swimming.*

(1) *Designated areas.* Swim, bathe or wade in any waters or waterways in or adjacent to any park, except in such places designated for such activity, and in compliance with such regulations as are set forth in this chapter, as may be adopted by the Director, or expressly permitted by law. Nor shall any person frequent any waters or places customarily designated for that purpose of swimming or bathing, or congregate at such places when such activity is prohibited by the Director upon a finding that such use of the water would be dangerous or otherwise inadvisable.

(2) *Certain hours.* Frequent any waters or places designated for the purpose of swimming or bathing, or congregate at such places, except between such hours of the day as may be designated by the Director for such purposes for each individual area.

(3) *Structure on waterway.* Erect, maintain, use or occupy on or in any shore or bank area adjacent to a waterway, any tent, shelter or structure unless permitted by or authorized by the Director.

(4) *Costume.* Allow themselves to be so covered with a bathing suit as to indecently expose his or her person. All bathing suits shall conform to commonly accepted standards.

(5) *Bathhouses.* Dress or undress on any beach, riverbank or in any vehicle, restroom or other place, except in such bathing houses or structures as may be provided for that purpose.

(6) *Diving or jumping.* Dive or jump off any bridge, dam, or other structure.

(7) *Mill Pond Park.* Swim, bathe or wade within 200 feet of the dam structure located at Mill Pond Park.

(B) *Boating.*

(1) *Designated areas.* Bring into or operate any boat, canoe, raft, or other water craft, whether motor-powered or not, upon any waters, except at places designated for boating by the Director. Such designated boating activity shall be in accordance with applicable regulations adopted by the Director.

(2) *Public docks.* Use the public docks for dockage or other purpose without first making arrangements for such accommodation with the Director, who shall assign space and collect reasonable rental charges in conformity with established regulations and rates.

(3) *Operation/use of boats/canoes/kayaks/inflatables.* Navigate, direct, or handle any boat/canoe/kayak/inflatable in such a manner as to unjustifiably or unnecessarily annoy, frighten or endanger the occupants of any other boat/canoe/kayak/inflatable or water user such as swimmers, those fishing or utilizing adjacent park trails or amenities.

(4) *Prohibition during closing hours.* Launch, dock, or operate any boat/canoe/kayak/inflatable of any kind on any waters between the closing hour of the park at night and opening hour the following morning, nor shall any person be on, or remain on or in, any boat during the said closed hours of the park.

(C) *Fishing.* Fish in any waters, using hook-and-line, net, trap, or other device, except in waters designated by the Director for that use and under such regulations and restrictions as have been or may be prescribed by the Director.

(D) *Hunting and dangerous weapons.* Hunt, trap or pursue wildlife at any time. Except as otherwise expressly permitted by law, no person shall use, carry, or any weapon potentially dangerous to wildlife and human safety, or any kind of trapping device. The discharge or brandishing of all weapons is prohibited. In addition, the use of any item in a manner that potentially endangers any human or wildlife is prohibited. Shooting into park areas from beyond park boundaries is forbidden.

(E) *Picnic areas and use.*

(1) *Regulated.* Picnic or lunch in a place other than those designated for that purpose. Attendants shall have the authority to regulate the activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for the comfort and convenience of all. Visitors shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end.

(2) *Availability.* Violate the regulation that use of the individual grills, together with tables and benches, follows generally the rule of "First come, first served."

(3) *Duty of picnicker.* Leave a picnic area before the cooking grill is completely extinguished, and before all trash in the nature of boxes, papers, cans, bottles, garbage and other refuse is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided. If no such trash receptacles are available, then refuse and trash shall be carried away from the park area by the picnicker to be properly disposed of elsewhere.

(F) *Camping.* Unless permission is granted by the Director or park attendants, no person shall set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave in a park after closing hours any movable structure, or special vehicle to be used or that could be used for such purposes as house trailer, camp-trailer camp-wagon, or the like.

(G) *Games.* Take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown, or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation. The playing of rough, or comparatively dangerous games such as football, baseball, soccer, and softball is prohibited except on the fields and courts or areas provided for such activities.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21) Penalty, see §97.99

§ 97.19 PROHIBITED BEHAVIOR.

No person in a park shall:

(A) *Intoxicating beverages.* Be under the influence of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances. No person shall possess or consume beer, wine, or other alcoholic beverages within Mill Pond Park or Riverside Cemetery.

(B) *Fireworks and explosives.* Bring in, or have in his or her possession, or set off, or otherwise cause to explode or discharge or burn, any firecrackers, rocket or other fireworks or explosives of inflammable material, or discharge them, or throw them into any such area from land, or highway adjacent thereto. This prohibition includes any substance, compound, mixture, or article that in conjunction with any other substance or compound would be dangerous from any of the foregoing standpoints.

(C) *Domestic animals.* All dogs or other domestic animals shall be restrained at all times by adequate leashes. Owners of such animals shall be responsible to clean up the defecation left by their animals. No animals are permitted on any playing field designated by the Park and Recreation Department.

(D) *Reservation of facilities.* Occupy, enter into, loiter, panhandle or remain in any seat, bench, facility, pavilion or other park structure or section thereof which may be reserved.

(E) *Fires.*

(1) Other than in grills that may be provided for such purpose, build or attempt to build a fire. No person shall drop, throw, or otherwise scatter lighted matches, charcoal briquettes, burning cigarettes or cigars, tobacco paper, or other flammable or inflammable material, within any park area or on any highway, road or street abutting or contiguous thereto.

(2) Controlled fires may be allowed by permit of the City Fire Department as part of a sanctioned city event or program as approved by the Director.

(F) *Closed areas.* Enter an area posted as "Closed to the Public," nor shall any person use, or abet the use of any area in violation of posted notices.

(G) *Disorderly conduct.* Engage in any disorderly conduct or behavior tending to a breach of the public peace.

(H) *Causing or risking public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm.* Cause, recklessly create a risk of, or knowingly contribute to inconvenience, annoyance or alarm to any person in a park by:

- (1) Engaging in fighting or threatening, or engaging in violent or tumultuous behavior;
- (2) Jostling or roughly crowding persons unnecessarily;
- (3) Making an obscene communication or display; or
- (4) Creating a hazardous condition by any act which serves no legitimate purpose.

(I) *Exhibit permits.* Fail to produce and exhibit any permit from the Director which he or she claims to have upon request of any authorized person who shall desire to inspect the same for the purpose of enforcing compliance with any ordinance or rule.

(J) *Interference with permittees.* Disturb or interfere unreasonably with any person or party occupying any area, or participating in any activity, under the authority of a permit.

(K) *Riverside Cemetery.* Bring an animal into Riverside Cemetery except (1) animals which may assist persons with disabilities, (2) animals as part of a scheduled funeral service with prior approval by the Director or (3) animals used as part of law enforcement action.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21) Penalty, see §97.99

§ 97.20 MERCHANDISING, ADVERTISING AND SIGNS.

No person in a park shall:

(A) *Vending and peddling.* Expose or offer for sale any article or thing, nor shall he or she station or place any stand, cart, or vehicle for the transportation, sale or display of any such article or thing. Exception is made as to any regularly licensed concessionaire acting by, and under the authority and regulation of the Director.

(B) *Advertising.* Announce, advertise, or call the public attention in any way to any article or service for sale or hire.

(C) *Signs.* Paste, glue, tack, or otherwise post any sign, placard, advertisement, or inscription whatsoever, nor shall any person erect or cause to be erected any sign whatsoever on any public lands, highways, or roads adjacent to a park.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21) Penalty, see §97.99

§ 97.21 UNMANNED AIRCRAFT.

No person in a park may operate unmanned aircraft in violation of state or federal law.

(Ord. 748, passed 5-24-93; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21) Penalty, see §97.99

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

§ 97.30 ESTABLISHMENT; COMPOSITION.

There is established a Parks and Recreation Commission. Said Commission shall consist of seven persons all serving without pay. The Commission shall appoint the members. The term of office for the appointive members shall be for three years or until their successors are appointed and qualified except that the members of such commission first appointed shall be appointed for such terms that the term of one member shall expire one year thereafter; the term of two members shall expire two years thereafter; vacancies in such Commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be filled by the Commission for unexpired term.

(Ord. 483, passed 6-3-74; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

§ 97.31 ORGANIZATION; OFFICERS.

Immediately after their appointment, the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission shall meet and organize by electing one of their members chairperson and such officers as may be necessary. The Commission shall have the power to adopt by-laws and advise the City Manager and Commission on rules and regulations for the proper conduct of public parks and recreation for the city. The Parks and Recreation Commission shall adopt non-discriminatory rules for the use of parks and other facilities and shall administer the facilities on a non-discriminatory basis.

(Ord. 483, passed 6-3-74; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

§ 97.32 POWERS AND DUTIES.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall provide, conduct and supervise public parks, playgrounds, playfields, indoor recreation centers and other recreation areas and facilities owned or controlled by the city. It is authorized and directed to prepare land use plans and maps for each public park or other property under its jurisdiction and to define the specific permitted activities in each. It shall have the power to conduct any form of recreation or cultural activity that will employ the leisure time of the people in a constructive and wholesome manner. It may conduct such activities on properties under its own control, on public properties with the consent of the authorities, and on private properties with the consent of the owners. It will set monthly meetings (open to the public) to plan for the community needs in park facilities and recreation programs. The Commission will advise in establishing recreation and park policies. It shall require a quorum at all Commission meetings for formal official action. It shall keep a complete record of all Commission meetings and submit the

minutes to all Commission members prior to the next regular meeting. The Commission will make periodic inspections of parks and recreation areas and facilities.

(Ord. 483, passed 6-3-74; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

§ 97.33 DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall advise the City Manager on selection of a Director of Parks and Recreation.

(Ord. 483, passed 6-3-74; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

§ 97.34 BUDGET.

Annually, the Parks and Recreation Commission shall review a proposed budget and make recommendations to the City Manager for its approval. The Parks and Recreation Commission may also solicit or receive any gifts or bequests of money or other personal property or any donation to be applied, principal or income, for either temporary or permanent use for parks, playgrounds, or other recreational purposes.

(Ord. 483, passed 6-3-74; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

§ 97.35 ANNUAL REPORT.

The Parks and Recreation Commission shall make an annual report to the Commission and such other reports as from time to time may be requested.

(Ord. 483, passed 6-3-74; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21)

§ 97.99 PENALTY.

(A) *Municipal civil infraction.* Any person violating any provision of this chapter, with the exception of those specifically set forth in division (B) below shall be held responsible for a municipal civil infraction and prosecuted in accordance with the Municipal Civil Infractions Ordinance. The fine for violation of a municipal civil infraction under this chapter shall be \$50; the second violation, \$100; and the third or any subsequent violation within any one calendar year, \$250.

(B) *Criminal misdemeanor.* Any person violating the following designated provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as provided in § 10.99:

§ 97.15(A)(1) and (3)	
(C)(1) and (2)	Park property
§ 97.16(A) and (B)	Sanitation
§ 97.17(B)	All-terrain vehicles
§ 97.18(D)	Recreational activities
§ 97.19(A)	
(G)	
(H)	Behavior
(K)(2)	

(Ord. 769, passed 8-14-95; Am. Ord. 1068, passed 5-10-21; Am. Ord. 1073, passed 8-23-21)

Cross-reference:

Municipal civil infractions, see Chapter 36