

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 3, 2006, at 8:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

City Clerk Flynn called the meeting to order.

City Clerk Flynn administered the Oath of Office to Adam Miller and Keith Spycher for the term January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioner Moreno nominated Commissioner Cynthia Bradley Kilmer as Mayor. Nominations were closed. Commissioner Bradley Kilmer was elected as Mayor for 2006 by the following 7-0 vote: AYES: Commissioners Bissell, Bradley, Joslin, Miller, Moreno, Spycher and Tilmann.

Mayor Cynthia Bradley Kilmer nominated Commissioner Keith Spycher as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Bissell nominated Commissioner Jon Joslin as Vice Mayor. Nominations were closed. Commissioner Spycher was elected as Vice Mayor for 2006 by the following 4-3 vote: AYES: Mayor Bradley Kilmer; Commissioners Moreno, Spycher and Tilmann; NAYS: Commissioners Bissell, Joslin and Miller.

Mayor Bradley Kilmer thanked all current Commissioners for their support.

Mayor Bradley Kilmer conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Bradley Kilmer and Vice Mayor Spycher; Commissioners Bissell, Joslin, Miller, Moreno and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Preston, City Clerk Flynn and City Attorney Martineau

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Miller and supported by Commissioner Tilmann:

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires the City Commission to set the day, time and place of its regular meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission shall meet during 2006 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7:00 p.m., commencing January 23, 2006, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 401 N. Main Street.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Mayor Bradley Kilmer proclaimed January 23, 2006 as "Peacemaking Recognition Day".

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Letter from Mr. & Mrs. Stewart, Caro, MI, regarding the deer at Nelson Park.
2. Letter from Pat Humphrey, Mayor, City of Clare, expressing appreciation for the Mt. Pleasant Police Department's support during the police operation in Clare in December 2005.

Moved by Commissioner Miller and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Payrolls dated December 30, 2005, check numbers 52525-52735, and warrants dated December 22, 2005, check numbers 50724-50903, all totaling \$779,766.69.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Moreno to approve the minutes of the regular and closed meetings held December 19, 2005. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Bradley Kilmer made the following Committee appointments for 2006. Committee Chairs are noted with an asterisk.

Appointments Committee

Commissioner Moreno *
Mayor Bradley Kilmer
Commissioner Miller

Budget Committee

Commissioner Miller *
Commissioner Joslin
Commissioner Moreno

Charter Committee

Mayor Bradley Kilmer
Commissioner Moreno
Commissioner Tilmann

Downtown Coordinating Committee

Commissioner Joslin, Liaison

Intergovernmental Liaison Committee

Mayor Bradley Kilmer
Vice Mayor Spycher

MRF Governing Board

DPW Director Ellis

Mt. Pleasant Diversity Council

Vice Mayor Spycher

Property Committee

Vice Mayor Spycher *
Commissioner Bissell
Commissioner Moreno

Audit Committee

Commissioner Bissell
Commissioner Tilmann

911/Central Dispatch Governing Board

City Manager Preston

City-CMU Student Liaison Committee

Commissioner Bissell
Commissioner Miller
Commissioner Tilmann

Council of Governments

Commissioner Bissell
Commissioner Tilmann

MML Legislative Coordinator

City Manager Preston

Neighborhood Committee

Commissioner Joslin
Vice Mayor Spycher

Downtown Development Board

Commissioner Joslin

Open Space & Farmland Preservation Committee

Commissioner Miller, County Rep.

Health & Human Services

Each Commissioner will take a time during 2006 to represent the City

Moved by Vice Mayor Spycher and supported by Commissioner Miller to authorize the extension of the residential refuse collection contract with Allied Waste for the final one-year period between May 1, 2006 and continuing until April 30, 2007, under the current terms and conditions, and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the contract. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Moreno praised Mt. Pleasant Schools on their energy plan and suggested the City explore the same options.

Commissioner Miller encouraged City Commissioner participation in the Michigan Municipal League's elected official's academy.

Commissioner Tilmann thanked Mayor Bradley Kilmer for handling the committee assignment for Health and Human Services. She asked for direction in handling the downtown assessment question. The City Commission will discuss the topic at the next meeting.

Commissioner Joslin read his prepared statement regarding the Mayor and Vice Mayor election process and suggestion for a Charter amendment.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Ben Gonzales, 1015 Sweeney, spoke about receiving guidance on his tax assessment.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Moreno that the meeting adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Cynthia Bradley Kilmer, Mayor

Robert J. Flynn, City Clerk