Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 22, 2019, at 7:01 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Joseph called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joseph and Vice Mayor Gillis; Commissioners Kulick, LaLonde, Ling, Perschbacher and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Assistant Finance Director/IT Director Saladine introduced newly hired IT Specialist Travis Welsh. Parks and Public Spaces Director Bundy introduced newly hired Parks and Grounds I employee Logan Schafer.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items;
   a. Requested information on property sales in Principal Shopping District.
2. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (June)
5. Correspondence at dais from Doug LaBelle II, 405 S. Mission St., regarding the City’s residential zoning ordinance.

Item #9: “Consider resolution to create Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) and set a public hearing for August 12, 2019 on the same”; and Item #10: Consider resolution to create a Commercial Redevelopment District (CRD) and set a public hearing for August 12, 2019 on the same.” were removed from the consent calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held July 8, 2019.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held July 8, 2019.
3. Bid of Fredrickson Supply of Grand Rapids, Michigan for an Articulated Wheel Loader and Snow Blower Attachment in the amount of $82,143 and a budget amendment for the same.
4. Purchase of two Ford F-450 cab and chassis from Jorgensen Ford of Detroit, Michigan and dump bodies from Knapheide Truck Equipment of Flint, Michigan through the MIDeal extended purchasing program for $98,068, and a budget amendment of $14,068.
5. Resolution approving submittal of the grant application to the Michigan Arts Council for the 2020 Paint the Intersection project as presented:
WHEREAS, the City of Mount Pleasant working with community partners wishes to expand the Paint the Intersection public art project in downtown to help serve the community’s arts for the fiscal year 2020, and;

Whereas, the proposed Paint the Intersections project is consistent with the goals and objectives of the City’s current Master Plan, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed 2020 Paint the Intersection project and grant application were discussed at a public meeting of the Mount Pleasant City Commission held July 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant City Hall, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Pleasant has committed to providing $1,000 in-kind funds toward the project cost from City staff for assistance in event planning, logistics, and road closures;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mount Pleasant City Commission hereby approves submittal of a 2020 Michigan Arts Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs grant application for the 2020 Paint the Intersections project.

6. Warrants dated July 5, 9 and 16, 2019 and Payrolls dated July 12, 2019 all totaling $1,063,133.21.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to adopt the Resolution of Intent to Designate a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone; Tentative Neighborhood Enterprise Zone; Notice of Public Hearing for August 12, 2019. (CC Ex. 1-2019)

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Ling and Perschbacher
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Tolas
ABSENT: None
Motion Carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner LaLonde to adopt the Resolution Regarding Intent to Designate a Commercial Redevelopment District; Notice of Public Hearing for August 12, 2019. (CC Ex. 2-2019)

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Ling and Perschbacher
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Tolas
ABSENT: None
Motion Carried.

Received 3-hour parking enforcement options. No action taken by the Commission at this time.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to formally commit $25,000 toward the Interlocal Pathway Connector Project Area B and authorize the City Manager to finalize partnership agreements with the Charter Township of Union on this project. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Tolas thanked staff for getting Assessors worksheet information to the Commission. He expressed concerns with market/sale comps in the report. Discussion ensued amongst the Commission.
Vice Mayor Gillis invited the public to the August 12, 2019 Public Hearings regarding 410 W. Broadway Street tax abatements.

Commissioner Ling announced that the Sister City relationship with Okaya, Japan is celebrating its 54th year. Student exchange will bring students and chaperones here this year. They will be touring City Hall on August 6th and she encourages the public to stop by and welcome them.

Mayor Joseph encouraged public to attend the opening of the Island Parks Arts Pavilion on Monday, August 5, 2019. This free event will begin at 6 p.m. with a short program and ribbon cutting ceremony.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Pierce Daugherty, 206 S. 2nd St. Shepherd, would like to see CMU contribute more funds to the InterLocal Pathway Connector that was discussed earlier in the meeting.

The Commission recessed at 7:52 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:01 p.m.

WORK SESSION

1) Continued discussion on Recreational Marijuana.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on Recreational Marijuana.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will continue to capture and incorporate generally agreed upon ideas and further discussion will occur at a future work session.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:48 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk