Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 26, 2019, at 7:00 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 Commissioners Kulick, Ling, Perschbacher and Tolas

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Gillis and Commissioner LaLonde

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Street Superintendent Matt Weaver gave a departmental presentation.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Mike Kostrzewa, 1211 E. Chippewa, spoke regarding his involvement with the recent Okaya student visit and complimented the City on its involvement and how beautiful the City is.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items;
   a. Monthly report on police related citizen complaints received.
   b. Information on Principal Shopping District (PSD) sales study concerns.
2. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (July)
4. Resignation of Lori Irwin from the Parks and Recreation Commission.
6. Correspondence received from Deborah Anne Cary, 7434 Howard City Edmore Rd., regarding adult-use recreational marijuana establishments.
7. Correspondence received from Laura Lynn Cochrane, 142 Anspach Hall, regarding rerouting M-20 to Pickard Street.
8. Correspondence received at the dais from Mandy Garmo, 812 S. Main St., Royal Oak, regarding adult-use recreational marijuana establishments.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held August 12, 2019.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held August 12, 2019.
3. Resolution recognizing the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license. (CC Exh. 5-2019)
4. Amended Resolution authorizing electronic submission of Economic Development Administration (EDA) grant application and commit required matching grant funds. (CC Exh. 6-2019)
5. Warrants dated August 6, 13 and 14, 2019 and Payrolls dated August 9, 2019 all totaling $1,539,737.89.

A public hearing was held on proposed amendment to Chapter 30 Subsection 30.04 - Agenda of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant regarding the addition and or deletion of agenda items. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling that Ordinance 1045, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 30, Subsection 30.04 - Agenda of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant regarding the addition and or deletion of agenda items having been introduced and read now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, Kulick, Ling and Perschbacher
NAYS: Commissioner Tolas
ABSENT: Commissioners Gillis and LaLonde
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve the Resolution supporting fee recommendation for Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) and Commercial Redevelopment District (CRD) applications as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 3(l) of Act 147 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1992, as amended (“Act 147”), provides that the City Commission may, on its own initiative, designate one or more neighborhood enterprise zones (“NEZ”) within the City; and
WHEREAS, Section 5 of Act 255 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1978, as amended (“Act 255”), provides that the City Commission may, on its own initiative, designate one or more commercial redevelopment districts (“CRD”) within the City; and
WHEREAS, the City has established or will establish one or more NEZs or CRDs in the City; and
WHEREAS, Michigan law permits a municipality to charge a reasonable fee for services it provides, so long as the fee is proportionate to the services rendered;
WHEREAS, the City will incur costs, including publication costs, when it processes a NEZ application; and
WHEREAS, the City will incur costs, including publication costs, when it processes a CRD application.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:
1. The City Commission establishes a fee to be charged for each NEZ application in the amount of $375.
2. The City Commission establishes a fee to be charged for each CRD application in the amount of $375.
3. All actions heretofore taken by City officials, employees and agents with respect to NEZs and CRDs are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. Any and all resolutions that are in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent necessary to give this Resolution full force and effect.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, Kulick, Ling and Perschbacher
NAYS: Commissioner Tolas
ABSENT: Commissioners Gillis and LaLonde
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to receive a proposed ordinance to amend Title XI: General Business; Chapter 115: Recreational Marihuana Establishments of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to allow certain establishments to be operated in accordance with state law and set a public hearing for September 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Mt. Pleasant, City Commission Chambers, 320 W. Broadway St. on same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to approve Resolution for referral to the Planning Commission to introduce an ordinance to add a new subsection 154.410.B.4.b and to amend table 154.410.A of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to regulate marihuana establishments as special uses. Motion unanimously adopted. (CC Exh. 7-2019)

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Tolas to make the following appointments as recommended by the Appointments Committee.

Historic District Commission
Jonathan Korpi     Term Expires: December 31, 2020

Parks & Recreation Commission
Brian Sponseller     December 31, 2020

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick asked for a summary on the start of the fall semester weekend activities. He also questioned if there is a conflict with the charter amendment passed a few years ago and new ordinances passed and being drafted relating to marijuana.
Public Safety Director Lauria reported on the start of the fall semester weekend activities and stated the changes implemented over the last several years continue to produce good results.

Commissioner Ling was happy with how the start of the fall semester weekend activities went and congratulated everyone involved on the success.

Commissioner Tolas asked what the excess cost to the City in overtime, etc. for this past start of the fall semester weekend was.

Mayor Joseph thanked everyone for the work done during the start of the fall semester weekend and its success. MEDC, MML working with 200 East Broadway property rehab and thanked staff and others; Thanked staff for working with Consumers Energy on possibly reducing electrical rates for the City; Announced new test program that police will be using for testing for drug impairment while driving; and welcomed back all CMU students this week as classes begin.

City Manager Ridley read a letter from Washington Area Neighborhood expressing gratitude for the work done on the start of the fall semester weekend activities.

The Commission recessed at 7:37 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:45 p.m.

WORK SESSION

1) Competitive criteria for recreational marijuana applications.

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on competitive criteria for recreational marijuana applications.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will incorporate generally agreed upon ideas into draft ordinance which will be discussed by the Commission at the next meeting.

The Commission recessed at 8:53 p.m. and went into closed session at 8:57 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:11 p.m.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:12 p.m.

William L. Joseph, Mayor
Jeremy Howard, City Clerk