Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, September 23, 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 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 Fire Chief Doug Lobsinger introduced newly hired Fire Equipment Operator Brad Doepker and Paid On-Call Firefighter Brock Crystal.

Mayor Joseph read and presented a proclamation to Jerry Fountain from the Bowlers Hall of Fame recognizing October 13, 2019 as Bowlers Hall of Fame Day.

Chloe Updegraff, Coordinator, Great Lakes Bay Regional Hub, gave a presentation on the upcoming 2020 census.

City Clerk Howard gave a presentation on the Clerk Department.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items;
   a. Annual Report on Experimental Aircraft Association benefit to the airport.
2. Airport Advisory Board Meeting Minutes. (August)
3. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (August)
5. Correspondence at the dais from Andy Theisen, 1900 Gover Parkway, regarding zoning ordinance concerns.

Item #13, “Consider resolution setting a public hearing for October 14, 2019 on an application for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) certificate.” and Item #14, “Consider resolution setting a public hearing for October 14, 2019 on an application for a Commercial Facility Exemption Certificate.” were removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Gillis to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held September 9, 2019.
2. Bid of R & T Murphy Trucking, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for the 2019-2020 leaf hauling and 2019-2021 snow hauling bids at a rate of $114.00 per hour.
3. Set a special meeting for September 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for a joint meeting with Charter Township of Union.
4. Receive proposed amendment to the zoning map of Chapter 154: ZONING ORDINANCE of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to rezone McGuirk Subdivision, Lots 1-10 from CD-3, Sub-Urban to CD-4, General Urban with a Residential/Dwelling Use Only Special Requirement and set a public hearing on same for Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 320 W. Broadway Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

5. Received proposed amendment to Chapter 154: ZONING ORDINANCE, Section 154.411.C, Trash Receptacle Requirement of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to regulate recycling receptacle requirements and set a public hearing on same for Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 320 W. Broadway Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

6. Received proposed amendment to Chapter 154: ZONING ORDINANCE, Section 154.412, Parking, Loading, Driveway, Service, Storage, Drive Through, Trash Receptacle/Dumpster, Equipment, & Other Items Locations & Standards of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to permit stacked parking where parking areas are accessed only by a rear alley or rear lane and also a limited amount of stacked parking (up to 5 spaces) associated with a House that is used for a non-residential or mixed-use purpose and set a public hearing on same for Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 320 W. Broadway Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

7. Received proposed amendment to Chapter 154: ZONING ORDINANCE, Table 154.405.A, District Standards of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to modify standards for fences and walls, roofs, and driveways in the CD-3L (Sub-Urban Large Lot) and CD-3 (Sub-Urban) districts and set a public hearing on same for Monday, October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 320 W. Broadway Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI.

8. Warrants dated September 4, 11 and 12, 2019 and Payrolls dated September 6, 2019 all totaling $1,096,660.39.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commission Ling to approve the Resolution Designating a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) for West Broadway Neighborhood Enterprise Zone No. 1 as presented. (CC Exh 9-2019)

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 Perschbacher to approve the Resolution Setting A Public Hearing for October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. on an Application For a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone New Certificate at 410 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. (CC Exh 10-2019)

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 Perschbacher to approve the Resolution Setting A Public Hearing for October 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. on an Application For a Commercial Facility Exemption Certificate at 410 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. (CC Exh 11-2019)

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

Commissioners each identified their top 5 priorities for fall 2019 Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe 2% funding requests from City Departments.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve budget amendment of $4,000 for the CARRS research study as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Perschbacher to conduct a closed session pursuant to subsection 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the purchase or lease of real property.

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

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Vice Mayor Gillis announced that there are openings on boards and commissions and encouraged residents to go to the City’s website: www.mt-pleasant.org to apply. She also announced that there are two Commission seats open and that information on the candidates is available from the League of Women Voters and at www.vote411.org.

Commissioner Kulick wondered if staff sends information to Commission Candidates regarding political sign placement and asked about leaf pick-up dates:
Week of October 21: rake leaves  Week of October 28: leaf collection
Week of November 4: rake leaves  Week of November 11: leaf collection
Week of November 18: rake leaves  November 25-27: final leaf collection

Mayor Joseph announced ICRH Lead volunteer training will take place on Saturday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. at ICRH new building on Pine Street.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Meredith Wiles, 3700 E. Deerfield, introduced herself as the SGA liaison to the City Commission.

The Commission recessed at 8:04 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:11 p.m.
WORK SESSION – 2020 Operating Budget

Finance Director Kornexl gave a presentation on the 2020 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 8:27 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:34 p.m.

WORK SESSION – Continued 2019 Goal Discussion

Mayor Joseph and City Manager Ridley led a discussion on 2019 goals.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 9:22 p.m. and went into closed session at 9:24 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor Joseph adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:36 p.m.

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William L. Joseph, Mayor                        Jeremy Howard, City Clerk