

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 24, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ling and Vice Mayor Lents; Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Madaj and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith (left at 9:10)

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling read a Proclamation recognizing the work done by the "Greeks Clean the Streets" program this year.

Mayor Ling presented certificates of completion to the 2017 Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Academy participants.

Mayor Ling read and presented a Proclamation to Historic District Committee members Lara Raisenen, Julie Taylor and Anne Swift and Downtown Development Director Sponseller in support of "National Historic Preservation Month - May, 2017".

Public Input on Agenda Items

Anne Swift, 315 S. Arnold; Janet Cummings, 1661 Heritage Way; Don Schuster, Director of Listening Ear; Kristin Lalonde, 120 S. Arnold; Lara Raisenen, 507 S. University; and Brian Mielke, 3791 Greenacres Dr., spoke in support of on-street barrier free parking downtown.

Tom Armstrong, 604 S. Kinney; Lara Raisenen, 507 S. University; Brian Mielke, 3791 Greenacres Dr.; Norm Woerle, 5685 Carriage Ln; Norma Bailey, 222 E. Andre; and Ethan Petzold, 1251 S. Washington, spoke in favor of the resolution to reaffirm Chapter 39 "Human Rights" of the Code of Ordinances.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. First Quarter Investment Report.
3. Historic District Commission Minutes (October)
4. Planning Commission Minutes (February)
5. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (February)
6. Resignation of Adam Hamlin from the Historic District Commission.
7. Correspondence from City resident Anne Heidemann regarding free brush pick-up.
8. Correspondence from City resident Doug Downhour regarding Charter Communication and brush pick-up issues.
9. Receipt of recommendation from Human Rights Committee regarding on-street barrier free parking downtown.
10. Correspondence from: Larry Sherwood; Alicia Haley; Xantha Karp, 318 E. Cherry St.; Sara Moslener, CMU Professor; Jody Sherwood, 1308 Elm St.; Rev. Wayne Nicholson, St. John's Episcopal Church; Laura Cochrane, CMU Associate Professor; Elbert Almazan, CMU Associate Professor; Elizabeth Alm, 710 Hopkins; Eric Chercover, 318 E. Cherry St.; Lesley Withers; Lisa DeMeyer; Rebecca Conklin, 307 N. Brown St.; JoEllen DeLucia, 634 S. University; Daelyn Woolnough Zanatta, 1208 E. Broadway; Anne Poston, 1016 Glenwood; Lisa Wilczak; Edward W. Clayton, 302 E. High St.; Elizabeth Meadows, 315 E. May St.; and Theresa Turner, in support of the reaffirmation of the Human Rights Ordinance.

11. Correspondence from Xantha Karp, 318 E. Cherry St.; Eric Chercover, 318 E. Cherry St. and Elizabeth Meadows, 315 E. May St., in support of an ordinance regarding snow removal from sidewalks.
12. Correspondence from Xantha Karp, 318 E. Cherry St. and Eric Chercover, 318 E. Cherry St. in support of safe and responsible outdoor burning within the city limits.

Remove items 17b – “Bids and Quotations: Pedestrian Lighting”; and 20 – “Consider approval of outdoor dining license for Midori Sushi Restaurant Patio” from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held April 10, 2017.
2. Purchase of road salt through the MiDeal Extended Purchasing Program at a cost of \$51.42 per ton, for a total cost of \$25,710, if needed.
3. Bid of Lakeshore Construction & Renovation of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$72,713 for replacement sidewalks and ADA compliant ramps.
4. Award quote for engineered wood fiber playground surfacing to Brink Wood Products of Byron Center, Michigan in the amount of \$14,997.
5. Outdoor dining license for Max & Emily’s.
6. Resolution appointing Stacie Tewari, City Engineer as the single Street Administrator for the City of Mt. Pleasant in all transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 of Act 51.
7. Payrolls dated April 7, 2017 and warrants dated April 4, 5, 11 and 13, 2017 all totaling \$934,337.24

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on Mission/Pickard Downtown Development Authority Plan Extension. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton that an Ordinance to approve the Third Amendment to the Mission Street-Pickard Avenue District Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan proposed by the Mt. Pleasant Downtown Development Authority and to provide for the collection of Tax Increment Revenues having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Commissioner Verleger to postpone action on the Mission/Pickard Downtown Development Authority Plan Extension until further information can be researched and prepared by staff and a work session can be held.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

NAYS: Commissioner Holton and Kulick

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on an ordinance to amend Section 93.03: Burning Regulations of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances, to provide clarity in regard to outdoor cooking, while also expanding the ability for residential recreational fires in limited circumstances. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Commissioner Gillis that Ordinance 1023 an Ordinance to amend Section 93.03: Burning Regulations of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances, to provide clarity in regard to outdoor cooking, while also

expanding the ability for residential recreational fires in limited circumstances having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Kulick and Lents
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on an ordinance to repeal Chapter 112: TAXICABS of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinance, in its entirety. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick that Ordinance 1024, an Ordinance to repeal Chapter 112: TAXICABS, of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances in its entirety having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to authorize contract with Countyline Power of Sanford, Michigan in the amount of \$86,935 for the purchase and installation of pedestrian lighting on West Broadway Street.

AYES: Commissioners Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Holton
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the Resolution To Reaffirm Chapter 39: HUMAN RIGHTS of the Code of Ordinances as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to amend the original motion to reaffirm, by resolution, Chapter 39: HUMAN RIGHTS, every five years. Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commission considered the original motion with amendment.

WHEREAS, Human Rights Ordinance Chapter 39 adopted July 9, 2012 by the City of Mt. Pleasant, MI prohibits discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations and provides penalties for violations; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant adopted this ordinance to assure that no individual be denied the equal protection of the laws; nor shall any person be denied the enjoyment of his or her civil rights or be discriminated against because of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, height, weight, family status, sexual orientation or gender identity; and,

WHEREAS, the prohibitions against discrimination in this ordinance are intended to supplement federal and state civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodations; and,

WHEREAS, it has been almost five years since the Mt. Pleasant City Commission adopted this ordinance after multiple months of research, dialogue, and public comment; and,

WHEREAS, it is the wish of the City Commission to reaffirm this ordinance every five years; and

WHEREAS, both the Charter Township of Union and Isabella County, local governing bodies, now have similar ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of this ordinance was to assure all people that the rights, freedom and equality outlined in the ordinance will be protected so that all people in the community can feel emotionally, psychologically and physically safe from discrimination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this day, April 24, 2017 that the Mt. Pleasant City Commission reaffirms its support for the Human Rights Ordinance Chapter 39; and,

FURTHERMORE, that we remain committed to diversity, inclusion and non-discrimination and will continue to provide protection from any violations of this ordinance.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to authorize a 2017 on demand brush pick-up program with on-site chipping, first 30 minutes of chipping is free of charge, additional time is charged \$1.65 per minute, plus 10.5% overhead added to cover administrative expenses. Chipping will be limited by trash schedule, and will run on a first come, first served basis until allocated funds are used. Staff is to update the City Commission on a monthly basis on use of the program.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

NAYS: Commissioner Kulick

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to approve outdoor dining license for Midori Sushi Restaurant patio. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve appointments to various city boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

Principal Shopping District (PSD)

Term Expires:

Curtis Ritchey

December 31, 2018

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Ling, and Verleger

NAYS: Commissioner Lents and Madaj

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve appointments to various city boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

Parks and Recreation Commission

Term Expires:

Lori Irwin

December 31, 2018

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve appointments to various city boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

Local Development Finance Authority

Term Expires:

Kash Dhanapal

December 31, 2020

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Madaj announced that the MMMFLA Ad Hoc Committee will begin meeting soon. The meeting schedule is as follows:

(7 p.m. in Commission Chamber-City Hall)

Wednesday, May 3

Wednesday, May 17

Wednesday, June 7

Monday, June 19 - Town Hall

Wednesday, June 21

Wednesday, July 12

Commissioner Gillis announced that the Historic District Commission has a vacancy and encouraged citizens to apply.

Commissioner Verleger announced little league and softball starts soon and encouraged the public to come and see the games.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Matt Mertz, 1540 S. Bamber, thanked the Commission for the passage of the Human Rights Ordinance Resolution and encouraged the City Commission to pursue sidewalk snow removal in the city.

Charlie Kinzel, 1020 Glen St., questioned if charcoal would be allowed under the new burning ordinance.

The Commission recessed at 9:05 p.m. and went into a work session at 9:15 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Presentation on the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Assistant Finance Director Saladine gave a presentation on the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion ensued.

Sidewalk Snow Plowing Discussion

Discussion was postponed to a future date.

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

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk