Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 12, 2017, at 7:02 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 and Madaj

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Verleger

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Director of Public Works Zang introduced newly hired Street Superintendent Matt Weaver.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item #23; “Consider sub-recipient agreement with Northern Initiatives and appoint committee members.” was moved ahead on the agenda to #9.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items.
3. Correspondence from City resident Jon Joslin regarding proposed 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan.
4. Correspondence from Tom Minelli regarding fire safety grant.

Item #8; “Bids and Quotations: a. Pavement Markings” was removed 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 May 22, 2017.
3. Resolution to approve and authorize the City Manager to sign facilities license agreements as follows:

   WHEREAS, the City owns and operates numerous recreational facilities within the City, including but not limited to Island Park and Pickens Field (collectively, the “Facilities”);

   WHEREAS, from time to time, community groups or organizations desire to use the Facilities for operation of recreational programs including but not limited to softball, baseball, or other athletics;

   WHEREAS, the City desires to permit use of the Facilities by community groups and organizations for recreational activities in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Exhibit A (the “Facilities License Agreement”).

   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

   1. The City approves the Facilities License Agreement in the form attached that serves to replace the original Facilities License Agreements that were previously approved on February 27th, 2017. 

   2. The City Manager, or his or her designee, is authorized to sign Facilities License Agreement(s).

   3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, rescinded.
4. Resolutions #1 and #2 to commence proceedings for Principal Shopping District Special Assessment 1-2017, tentatively determine the necessity and set public hearing for June 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public input on necessity.

Resolution No. 1

Principal Shopping District 1-17

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of the City Charter of the City of Mt. Pleasant; Chapter 33: TAXATION, Section 33.17 "Authority to Assess", of the Code of Ordinances, and Public Act 120 of 1961 "Redevelopment of Shopping Areas", the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant may commence proceedings to provide funding for the operations of the Principal Shopping District within the City and determine the tentative necessity thereof,

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission has tentatively deemed it to be in the public's interest, health and welfare to provide funding for the operations of the Principal Shopping District in the City, Special Assessment District No. 1-17

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The City Manager is directed to cause to be prepared a report which shall include all analysis and information required by Section 33.20 "Survey and Report", of the Code of Ordinances,

2. When the aforesaid report is completed, the City Manager shall file the same with the City Clerk for presentation to the Commission.

3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are and the same hereby are rescinded.

Resolution No. 2

Principal Shopping District 1-17

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared a report concerning funding for the Principal Shopping District in Special Assessment District No. 1-17, which includes all of the information to be included by Section 33.20 "Survey and Report" of the City's Code of Ordinances;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed said report;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant determines that it is tentatively necessary to provide funding for the Principal Shopping District in the City of Mt. Pleasant more particularly hereinafter described in this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The City Commission hereby tentatively determines that providing funding for the Principal Shopping District described more particularly hereinafter provided for are necessary.

2. The total funding for the Principal Shopping District for the next two years (2018 and 2019) is estimated to be $115,040 per year. $115,040 shall be spread over the special assessment district per year as hereinafter described as a result of benefits to be received by the affected properties in the special assessment district.

3. Said special assessment district shall consist of all the lots and parcels of land as follows: all lots in the Principal Shopping District as established by the City Commission at the February 24, 2003 meeting and amended at the November 14, 2005 meeting.

4. The duration of the special assessment shall be two years.
5. The affected properties in the special assessment district shall be assessed in accordance with the relative portion of the sum to be levied in the district, as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels.

6. The aforesaid report shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk where the same shall be available for public examination.

7. The City Commission shall meet on June 26, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway Street, for the purpose of hearing objections to providing funding to the "Principal Shopping District".

8. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of said hearing to be published and mailed in accordance with applicable statutory and ordinance provisions.

9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

5. Receipt of appointment of Mayor Ling to the Appointments Committee.
6. Appointment of Police Captain Andy Latham as alternate to the 9-1-1 Central Dispatch Governing Board.
7. Set special meeting for August 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. for work session on Zoning Ordinance.
8. Payrolls dated May 19 and June 2, 2017 and warrants dated May 15, 16, 24 and 31, 2017 and June 5, 7 and 8, 2017 all totaling $1,738,865.80.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to approve the bid of M & M Pavement Marking of Grand Blanc, Michigan for the 2017 Pavements Markings bid in an amount not-to-exceed $21,720. Motion Unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to authorize the City Manager to execute the Sub-Recipient Agreement with Northern Initiatives, authorize the transfer of CLP funds to Northern Initiatives, and appoint Mary Ann Kornexl and Jim McBryde to the revolving loan committee. Motion unanimously approved.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve an amendment to the contract with Countyline Power for additional $60,000 for the installation of pedestrian lighting on West Broadway Street from Harris to Maxwell.

AYES: Commissioners Kulick, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Holton
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj that Ordinance 1025, 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.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioner Gillis
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to approve the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan as presented.
Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to separate the original motion into two parts: 1) Fire Safety Grant Program and 2) Remainder of 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion unanimously adopted.

Vice Mayor Lents recused herself due to a conflict of interest with regard to Fire Safety Grant Program.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve Fire Safety Grant Program portion of 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Holton to amend the motion regarding Fire Safety Grant Program to provide for outside grant funds to be used for Fire Safety Grant Program instead of TIFA funds.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis and Holton
NAYS: Commissioners Kulick, Ling and Madaj
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger
ABSTAINED: Commissioner Lents
Motion failed.

Original motion to approve Fire Safety Grant Program portion of 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan was considered.

AYES: Commissioners Kulick, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis and Holton
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger
ABSTAINED: Commissioner Lents
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve remainder of 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioner Gillis
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to approve the amended Outdoor Dining Policy which does not amend the fee structure, clarifies ADA accessibility requirements, and provides clarity that on-street barrier parking cannot be used for decks. (CC Ex. 6-2017) Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve the outdoor dining application until November 15, 2017 as recommended and waive the workers comp insurance requirement for The Coffee Room-Narrativality Coffee Roasters. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve the outdoor dining application until December 31, 2017 as recommended for Pleasant City Coffee. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the assessing contract as presented with Coucke Property Services, LLC. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Madaj to appoint Chris Coucke through Coucke Property Services, LLC as the Mt. Pleasant City Assessor in place of Mary Ann Kornexl as the interim Assessor. Motion unanimously adopted.
Moved by Commissioner Gillis and supported by Commissioner Kulick to authorize the Mayor to sign letters of support for a bicycle passing law as presented.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Kulick, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioner Holton
ABSENT: Commissioner Verleger
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.

Historic District Commission
George Ronan
Term Expires: December 31, 2019
Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis encouraged residents to apply for vacant board and commission seats.

Commissioner Madaj announced that the MMMFLA Ad-Hoc Committee will hold a town hall meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall, City of Mt. Pleasant, 320 W. Broadway St. There will also be a MMMFLA Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Holton thanked all the volunteers who worked on the Timber Town 2.0 build.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m. without objection.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor
Jeremy Howard, City Clerk