Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 10, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Mayor Ling

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and Deputy City Clerk Kornexl

Proclamations and Presentations

Department of Public Works Director Zang introduced newly hired Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Jamie Hockemeyer.

City Manager Ridley gave an update on flood activity.

A moment of silence was observed for deceased members of Commissioners’ families.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item #14, WORK SESSION: Goals discussion for 2018” was postponed to a later date.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (May).
3. Planning Commission Minutes (May and June).
5. Correspondence at the dias from City resident Brooke Bradley regarding mosquito spraying.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held June 26, 2017.
2. Bid of Traffic Safety Corp. of Sacramento, California for the purchase of 14 Solar LED Flashing School Crossing Signs in the amount of $30,114.
3. Resolution in support of modifying the July Board of Review date as follows: WHEREAS, the July Board of Review meeting is to take place the Tuesday following the third Monday in July. WHEREAS, due to scheduling conflicts for two of our Board of Review members it cannot be held as regularly required. WHEREAS, it is allowable under PA 122 of 2008, although it requires a resolution from the township board or from a city council, and it must take place in the same week as originally scheduled. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2017 July Board of Review be held Thursday, July 20th, at 2:00 p.m.
4. Resolution amending MDOT contract for continued operation and maintenance of the airport AWOS system as follows: WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation provides services consisting of data dissemination and maintenance related to the AWOS system at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport; and WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant supports these services for providing an added level of safety at the airport; and WHEREAS, the annual costs to the City of Mt. Pleasant are on a 50% cost sharing formula with MDOT;
WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation and City of Mt. Pleasant agree to a one-year extension of the contract dated August 1, 2014, and the contract will be in effect until July 31, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.


Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing on the special assessment roll for Special Assessment #01-17 and consider approval of resolution #5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment #01-17.

Jon Joslin, 320 E. Illinois St. and Dan Pulver, 302 E. Chippewa St., spoke in opposition to Special Assessment #01-17. Communications received at the dias from downtown business owners Tom Horgan, Steve Bissell, Kurt Feight, Keith Feight and PetroTolas in opposition to the Downtown Special Assessment.

There being no additional comments or communications, Vice Mayor Lents closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Madaj and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve Resolution #5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment #01-17.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to postpone action on approval of Resolution #5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment #01-17.

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

Considered original motion to approve Resolution #5 for approval of the roll and setting of payment terms for the Principal Shopping District Special Assessment #01-17.

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

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to confirm a contract with Republic Services at a cost of $225 per hour/per truck, and $38.31 per ton for disposal of flood damaged items, at an estimated cost of $46,000 and allocate funds within the Solid Waste Fund to cover the cost as recommended. Motion unanimously adopted.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Jon Joslin, 320 E. Illinois, would like the Commission to reconsider mosquito control this year.

Community Services and Economic Development Director Bill Mrdeza announced the Sean Stanton Memorial Slow Ride takes place Friday, July 14th with registration beginning at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. start time.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Kulick suggested the Commission go back and review mosquito control funding for 2017 as well as alley repair funding for 2018.
Commissioner Madaj announced that the final meeting of the MMMFLA Ad-Hoc Committee will be held Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

Commissioner Gillis reminded residents to dump standing water or contact an independent mosquito control company. She also announced openings on various boards and commissions and encouraged citizens to apply.

The City Commission went into a work session at 7:50 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers.

WORK SESSION

City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the current Fee/Charges Policy Guidelines.

Discussion ensued.

The City Commission went back into regular session and Vice Mayor Lents adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. without objection.

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Allison Lents, Vice Mayor    Mary Ann Kornexl, Deputy City Clerk