Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held Monday, September 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

Mayor Holton called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Holton and Vice Mayor Kilmer; Commissioners Joslin, Ling McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

Mission Street Work Session with MDOT

Director of Public Works Ellis gave an overview and presentation of the discussions that have taken place between MDOT and the City.

MDOT representative Terry Palmer, Mt. Pleasant TSC Manager, gave a presentation on their proposed design for Mission Street.

Discussion ensued and will continue during the agenda item.

James Holton, Mayor    Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, September 28, 2009 at 7:02 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Holton and Vice Mayor Kilmer; Commissioners Joslin, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton read and presented a proclamation in support of Bowlers Hall of Fame Day “October 11, 2009” to a representative from the Bowlers Hall of Fame.

Mayor Holton read a proclamation in honor of George Dunn, President, MMDC upon his retirement and thanked him for his years of service to the City of Mt. Pleasant.

Kathy Wilbur, Interim President of Central Michigan University and Dr. Cam Enarson, Interim Dean of Central Michigan University Medical School spoke on the current status and future of Central Michigan University and the University’s future Medical School.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Tony Kulick, 409 S. Fancher St. spoke in opposition of the proposed MDOT design for Mission Street.

Brian Corser, Gordon Food Service representative spoke in opposition of the proposed MDOT design for Mission Street.
Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Minutes (August)
2. Wastewater Activity Report (August)
3. Gas price information from Mr. Don Tyler

Removed item 6 “Approval of the minutes of the work session held September 14, 2009, and the regular meeting held September 14, 2009” from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. WHEREAS, under the date of July 13, 2009, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 7-09 (install “25 mph speed limit” signs at the entrance to Corporate Drive at Mission Street, as well as at Brown Street, both at the east and west directions and install “25 mph speed limit” sign on Packard Street just north of Pickard Street). Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on September 28, 2009, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 7-09 a permanent traffic control order.

WHEREAS, under the date of July 13, 2009, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 8-09 (install “No Parking 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.” signs on the south side of Gaylord Street from Kinney Street to Arnold Street). Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on September 28, 2009, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 8-09 a permanent traffic control order.

2. WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant has received notification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) of the award of a Community Development Block Grant for infrastructure improvement in the city. This project is for the relining of the Pickard / Harris sanitary sewer interceptor, which has a project cost of $425,000, and

WHEREAS, The MEDC is authorizing CDBG grant money to be applied to this project in the amount of $325,000. The City of Mt. Pleasant will provide a matching amount of $100,000 to complete the funding for this project, and

WHEREAS, A local community development plan has been documented in the application for these CBDG funds, and the proposed project is consistent with the overall development plan for the City of Mt. Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant has a community low / moderate income population of 58.6 percent, and the project area a low / moderate income percentage of 63.4, and

WHEREAS: The City of Mt. Pleasant commits to not expending any CBDG funds or non-CDBG funds on this project prior to formal grant award and receipt of written authorization to incur costs is received from the MEDC, and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant City Commission authorizes the city staff to submit the necessary documentation to complete the Michigan CBDG application for this project, and

WHEREAS, The City Manager, Kathie Grinzinger, is hereby authorized to sign the required application forms in order to complete this grant acceptance, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mt. Pleasant City Commission accepts the CDBG grant amount and authorizes city staff to proceed as necessary to complete the documentation for this infrastructure enhancement project.

3. Amendment to the University Park TIFA budget to move $10,000 from one of their designated fund balance accounts into the operating account in order to fund the completion of Three Leaves Drive Pathway.

4. Payrolls dated 9/18/09 and warrants dated 8/26/09, 8/31/09, 9/02/09, 9/16/09 and 9/24/09 all totaling $1,023,575.12.

Motion unanimously adopted.
Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the minutes of the work session held September 14, 2009. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 14, 2009 with the following amendment:

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to accept the bid of Miller Development, Inc. of Weidman, Michigan in the amount of $184,850.00 for the 2009 Oak Street Bridge new bridge construction. Motion unanimously adopted.

* Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to accept the bid of Central Asphalt of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of $37,400 for the 2009 grading and paving work to the tennis courts and authorized the allocation of $10,000 from slide project to tennis courts and $25,000 from recreation special revenue account to tennis courts.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Palmer
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Received Commissioners’ recommendations and rankings for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations. The City Manager will forward the rankings to the Tribe.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to postpone action on Oak Street Bridge to next meeting when staff will have additional information. Motion unanimously adopted.

City Planner Gray, Director Gomez and Director Morrison presented information on the MDOT Mission Street design. Discussion and question and answer ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to postpone action until next meeting on request from MDOT to accept a Mission Street Project with the intention of getting a plan developed to start with the south portion of Mission Street first.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioners Kilmer and Palmer
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.
Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Ling to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for a discussion of strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Announcements on City Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Ling would like the Commission to continue to look at direction given to staff about purchasing policy and bids.

Mayor Holton requested that Director Ellis check the flashing school lights at Adams and Broadway to make sure they are working correctly.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Don Tyler, 210 W. High St. spoke on concerns with high gas prices in Mt. Pleasant.

The Commission recessed at 9:20 p.m., entered into closed session at 9:28 p.m. and went back into open session at 9:38 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Staff Recommendations and Reports

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve labor contract with Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner Palmer
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire that the meeting adjourn at 9:46 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

James Holton, Mayor                Jeremy Howard, City Clerk