

Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tilmann (excused)

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Work Session – Redevelopment District

Michelle Sponseller gave a presentation on establishing a redevelopment district.

The Commission voiced support with moving forward on the creation of a district.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 23, 2010, at 7:00 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 English, Joslin, Ling and McGuire

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Tilmann (excused)

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton read a proclamation in support of United Way's "Celebration of Ride United" on September 11, 2010.

Additions to Agenda

Item #12 "Sacred Heart application for a one-day liquor license" was added to the consent calendar.

Public Input on Agenda Items

James Moreno, 1015 Andre Street, spoke in favor of Conditional Rezoning of properties located at 1116 E. Pickard, 1202 E. Pickard, and 802 N. Brown Street.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (July)

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held August 9, 2010.
2. Minutes of closed session of the City Commission held August 9, 2010.
3. Easement amendment with Hunter Realty and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute same.
4. Request from Sacred Heart for a One-Day Liquor License for Saturday, October 23, 2010.
5. Payrolls dated 8/20/10 and warrants dated 8/11/10 and 8/19/10 all totaling \$872,887.47.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to request Brownfield Redevelopment Finance Authority transfer \$250,000 to the Economic Development Corporation utilizing parameters as set forth, provide quarterly reporting, and after a year have the option to request the unused money be returned. Discussion ensued.

A substitute motion was made by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner English that the Brownfield Board be asked to return the \$250,000 transferred in June, 2009 to the City's Economic Development Fund. It is further moved that \$150,000 of that money then be transferred to the Economic Development Corporation with the following stipulations:

1. The money be used to assist non-retail start-up companies that create jobs, have growth potential and satisfy other criteria;
2. That specific criteria be developed by the Economic Development Corporation and that those criteria be communicated to the City Commission before any expenditure of funds.
3. That the Economic Development Corporation provide quarterly reports to the City Commission that include:
 - a. a summary of all funds spent;
 - b. a rationale for the expenditure of funds on a particular project;
 - c. a description of any anticipated return on the funds spent.
4. That at the end of one year all unused portions of the \$150,000 be returned to the General Fund unless a decision is made by the City Commission to leave the funds with the Economic Development Corporation. This decision will be made based on an evaluation of the success of the project.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Kilmer, Ling and McGuire

NAYS: Commissioner Joslin

ABSENT: Commissioner Tilmann

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner English to receive proposed Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map and set a public hearing for September 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the conditional rezoning of the properties located at 1116 E. Pickard, 1202 E. Pickard and 802 N. Brown to rezone the south 50 feet of the property from R-3, Residential to C-3, General Business. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Joslin to receive proposed Ordinance to Amend Sections 154.081 (B) and (C), and Sections 154.082 (B) and (C), of Chapter 154: Zoning Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances regarding residential uses in office district and set a public hearing for September 27 at 7:00 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to set a special meeting for Monday, September 13, 2010 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers for the purpose of holding a closed session. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner McGuire to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with attorney regarding strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling and McGuire

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Tilmann

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Ling congratulated Commissioner McGuire for the money he raised participating in a walking event for Meals on Wheels.

Commissioner English noted that she recently went on a ride along with police and thanked Chief Gomez and public safety officers for the job they do.

Commissioner Joslin welcomed CMU students and encouraged them to get involved in their community and also encouraged citizens to go out and meet their new student neighbors and open dialogues with them.

Vice Mayor Kilmer offered his congratulations for a job well done to all involved with the Jeff Daniels concert downtown.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Peter Reale, 233 N. Main St., spoke against the way the City billed him for late fees on rental licensing.

James Moreno, 1015 Andre Street, asked if the City could let citizens know what is happening with negotiations between the City and State regarding state home property. Mr. Moreno would also like the Commission to look into putting a dog park in the City.

The City Commission recessed at 7:54 p.m. and entered into closed session at 8:04 p.m. The Commission went back into regular session at 8:17p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Ling to accept the attorney's recommendation pursuant to closed session discussion. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk