Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held Monday, September 27, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant City Hall, City Commission Chambers.

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

A work session was held for the purpose of discussing the Medical Marijuana Law.

Attorney Scott Smith gave a presentation on the current Medical Marijuana Law.

Discussion ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor
Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, September 27, 2010, at 7:01 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, McGuire and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Assistant City Manager Ridley, 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, 2010 to a representative of the Bowlers Hall of Fame.

Mayor Holton presented a Neighborhood Mini Grant to representatives of Pheasant Run Kids Club.

Mayor Holton presented a Neighborhood Mini Grant to a representative of Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN).

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Minutes (August)

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

1. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held September 13, 2010 and the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held September 13, 2010.
2. Minutes of closed session of the City Commission held September 13, 2010.
3. Bid of Midland Fence Company of Midland, Michigan in the amount of $51,400 for Island Park/Pickens Field Fencing plus alternates #1, #2 and #3, and utilize City funds and donations to fully fund the project.

5. Receive proposed amendment to Section 71.02 “Parking Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances and set a public hearing for Monday, October 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.


Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed conditional rezoning of properties located at 1116 E. Pickard, 1202 E. Pickard and 802 N. Brown St., to rezone the south 50 feet of the property from R-3, Residential to C-3, General Business. Jim Moreno, 1015 Andre St., spoke in favor of the rezoning. There being no other comments or communications the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner English to approve the conditional rezoning of properties located at 1116 E. Pickard, 1202 E. Pickard and 802 N. Brown St., and passed, ordained and ordered published Ordinance No. 954, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of Chapter 154 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of M. Pleasant and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on a proposed Ordinance Amendment to 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 districts. There being no comments or communications the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to pass, ordain and order published Ordinance No. 955, an 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.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner McGuire
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve the Working Capital Loan and authorize Mary Ann Kornexl, RLF staff liaison, to process the $11,500 Downtown Working Capital/Façade Improvement loan to Tom Horgan owner of 100 E. Broadway. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner McGuire to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the possible purchase or lease of real property.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer 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, McGuire and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.
Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann extended her sympathies to family and friends of Mary Ellen Brandell (October 12, 1933 to September 24, 2010).

Commissioner Joslin Congratulated Ed and Rex Joslin on being inducted into the Bowlers Hall of Fame. He also announced Mardi Gras is taking place Downtown Mt. Pleasant October 1, 2010 beginning at 4:00 p.m. and encourages residents to attend. Finally, Commissioner Joslin offered his congratulations to Commissioner Ling on obtaining her Level 1 Elected Official Academy Certification from the Michigan Municipal League.

The City Commission recessed at 7:23 p.m. and entered into closed session at 7:28 p.m. The Commission went back into regular session at 9:07 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

James Holton, Mayor                     Jeremy Howard, City Clerk