Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held Monday, April 25, 2011, at 6:32 p.m., at Mt. Pleasant City Hall, City Commission Chambers.

City Clerk Howard administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Robinette.

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Joslin

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

A work session was held on the Mt. Pleasant Area Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Planning & Community Development Director Jeff Gray gave a presentation on the Mt. Pleasant Area Non-Motorized Transportation Plan.

Discussion ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor    Jeremy Howard, City Clerk

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 25, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Joslin

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Peter Haefner of Vredevald Haefner, LLC gave a presentation on the City of Mt. Pleasant’s 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Public Safety Director Anthony Gomez-Mesquita gave a presentation on the status of the Regional Records Management System.

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. Receipt of 2010 Comprehensive Audit Report
2. First Quarter Investment Report
3. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (March)

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the work session of the City Commission held April 11, 2011.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held April 11, 2011.
4. Bid of Wonsey Tree Service of Alma, Michigan in the amount of $26,800 for the 2011 Tree Trimming project.
Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed amendments to Chapter 152 Housing Licensing Code, Sections 152.003 and 152.008; Chapter 131 General Offenses, Sections 131.09 and 131.11; and Chapter 132 Controlled Substances, Section 132.03 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant to create additional ease of compliance for residents, and/or simplify the language and create more agreement with existing state law. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English that Ordinance 964, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 152 Housing Licensing Code, Sections 152.003, 152.008; and Ordinance 965, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 131 General Offenses, Sections 131.09, 131.11; and Ordinance 966, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 132 Controlled Substances, Section 132.03 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English that Ordinance 964, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 152 Housing Licensing Code, Sections 152.003, 152.008; and Ordinance 965, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 131 General Offenses, Sections 131.09, 131.11; and Ordinance 966, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 132 Controlled Substances, Section 132.03 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published. Motion unanimously adopted.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Robinette to enter into a month-to-month extension of the State contract with the security firm for security at the Mt. Pleasant Center property in an amount not to exceed $7,000 per month, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the contract following review by the City Attorney. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve submittal of the following resolution in support of grant application to the Michigan Passport Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the City of Mount Pleasant wishes to repave an old section of The Mt. Pleasant Riverwalk multi-use path in Mill Pond Park, and

WHEREAS, those improvements are consistent with the goals and objectives of the City Recreation Plan, and

WHEREAS, those improvements are listed in the City’s Proposed 2012 – 2016 Capital Improvement Plan, and

WHEREAS, the proposed project and grant were discussed at a public meeting of the Mount Pleasant City Commission on April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant City Hall to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed improvements, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mount Pleasant has committed $45,700 or 60% of a total $75,700 project cost from its Capital Improvement Fund budget;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mount Pleasant City Commission hereby approves submittal of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Passport grant application for 2011.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner English to approve Millrace project and engineering cost to complete Department of Natural Resources grant funding dedicated to the West Broadway Revitalization Project. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to approve the following resolution in support of submittal of a grant application to the Kellogg Foundation for use in the expansion of the Access Recreation Trail project.
WHEREAS, the City of Mount Pleasant wishes once again to partner with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to complete the original design of the Access Adventure Trail at Chipp-A-Waters Park, and

WHEREAS, these improvements are consistent with the goals and objectives of the City Recreation Plan, and highlights the City’s continued commitment to universal accessibility in parks, trails and public spaces.

WHEREAS the proposed project and grant were discussed at a public meeting of the Mount Pleasant City Commission on April 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant City Hall to provide an opportunity for comment on the proposed improvements, and

WHEREAS, no financial match is required by the City to pursue this grant opportunity in partnership with the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation to complete the originally designed westerly trail spur with wetland boardwalk and interpretive trail signage.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Mount Pleasant City Commission hereby approves submittal of the Access to Recreation Grant application for 2011 and commits to completing the construction project by December 31, 2011.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Vice Mayor Ling to approve amending the CBD TIFA budget to include $6,900 for marketing the downtown to campus fixed bus route.

AYES: Commissioners English, Kilmer, Ling, Robinette and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner Holton
ABSENT: Commissioner Joslin
Motion carried.

Commissioner Holton recused himself from the issue of authorization of expenditure from the Economic Development Fund, due to conflict of interest.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Robinette to authorize expenditure of $12,557 from the Economic Development Fund in the form of an interest rate write-down to zero percent for five years to support Mt. Town Station’s building expansion, façade improvements and job creation.

AYES: Commissioners English, Kilmer, Robinette and Tilmann
NAYS: Commissioner Ling
ABSENT: Commissioner Joslin
ABSTAINED: Commissioner Holton
Motion carried.

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

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

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Holton encourages the public to apply for the Planning Commission vacancy that was left vacant by Erik Robinette’s appointment to the City Commission.

Commissioner Tilmann stated that she likes that she found out that Bellows Street parking is part of a bigger project (CMU Medical School), but would have like to have known that information in a more timely fashion. She also announced that the Isabella
County Council of Governments will be meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Vice Mayor Ling thanked the law enforcement community for participating in the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity meeting.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Tony Kulick, 409 S. Fancher, spoke of his concerns with the Fancher Street rebuild project and presented a letter to the Commission regarding same.

The Commission recessed at 8:22 and entered into closed session at 8:27 p.m. Regular session reconvened at 8:49 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Vice Mayor Ling to approve the extension of the PohlCat License Agreement until December 31, 2011. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Kilmer adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m. without objection.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor                         Jeremy Howard, City Clerk