Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:01 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, Joslin, Rautanen and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Proclamations and Presentations

City Treasurer, Mary Ann Kornexl gave a presentation on the 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
2. Capital Projects Status Report
3. Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes (April)
4. Communication from resident Martha Smith regarding Bellows Street
5. Communication from Robert Bromley regarding the proposed new ordinance Title XVII, Chapter 170 “Human Rights”

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held May 29, 2012.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held May 29, 2012.
5. Bid of Central Asphalt of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of $132,396 for the 2012 Street Mill and Overlay Project.
6. Payrolls dated 6/8/12 and warrants dated 6/4/12 and 6/7/12 all totaling $662,848.03.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the environmental review and release of funds for the Downtown Infrastructure Grant (DIG) for Parking Lot #2 (Jockey Alley). There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the completion of the environmental review and authorize the release of funds as well as direct staff to sign all necessary documents for the Downtown Infrastructure Grant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Holton recused himself from consideration of request of Mt. Pleasant Brewing Co., LLC for a Small Wine Maker License due to conflict of interest.

A public hearing was held on the request for a Small Wine Maker License for Mt. Pleasant Brewing Co., LLC located at 614 W. Pickard Street. There being no public comment or communication, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to recommend to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that the request of Mt. Pleasant Brewing Co., LLC for a Small Wine Maker License be considered for approval.

AYES: Commissioners English, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, Rautanen and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Holton (recused)
A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to City of Mt. Pleasant Ordinance 70.03 to accommodate “super drunk” citations in accordance with the Michigan Vehicle Code. There being no public comment or communication, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Tilmann that Ordinance 972, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 70: General Provisions, Section 70.03 “Operating While Intoxicated, Operating When Visibly Impaired, And Zero Tolerance” 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.

A public hearing was held on the conditional rezoning for property located at 714 South Main Street from R-3 Residential to M-2 Multi-Family Residential.

Brandon LaBelle, 405 S. Mission, Ste F; Tom Horgan, 209 Grand Ave. and Shirley Rosan, 709 S. Washington, communicated via e-mail in favor of the conditional rezoning.

Steve Berkshire, 602 S. Main St.; Don and Betty Tyler, 210 W. High Street and Lara Owensey spoke in opposition of the conditional rezoning.

Tom Gross, 3344 S. Winn Rd. and Jeff Jakeway, 625 E. Cherry St. spoke in favor of the conditional rezoning.

There being no more public comment or communications received, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Ling and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to affirm the Planning Commission’s recommendation for denial of request for conditional rezoning of 714 South Main Street from R-3 Residential to M-2 Multi-Family Residential based on the reasons stated by the Planning Commission and because it is not in the best interests of the City.

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

Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the proposed new Ordinance Title XVII, Chapter 170 “Human Rights”

John Bolton communicated via correspondence in favor of the proposed ordinance. Theresa Turner, 608 S. Kinney; Audra Daniels, 5232 E. Broadway #220; Mary Alsager, 1311 E. Broadway; Laura Gonzales, 1206 E. High St; Wayne Nicholson, 405 E. High St.; Vincent Cavataio, 4171 E. Bluegrass; Killian Richeson, 1001 S. Main; Maria Kopin, 1111 Elm St.; Erika Jourlandu, 1611 C E. Gaylord; Elliot Schott, 5217 S. Eaglecrest, Apt. 7; Dawn Daniels, 302 S. Fancher, Apt. A; Tegan Tyler, 210 W. High St.; Crystal Schutt, 5217 S. Eaglecrest, Apt. 7; Zachary Dearing, 405 E. High St.; Shannon Martin, 2136 Third St.; Christine Nace, 315 E. May St.; Alan Jackson, 504 S. Fancher; Ross and Shelly Rapaport, 1413 Crosslances; Joe Roggenbuck, 404 N. Main St.; Sally Rose, 301 N. Brown St.; and Nancy Nagler, 1360 Tomah spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

Robert Bromley communicated via correspondence in opposition of the proposed ordinance. Lindous Koop, 1026 Sweeney; Dennis and Teresa Egan, 915 W. Broadway; Alan Rydman, 1792 Willow; Dan Siedlecki, 1220 Ellis Way; Jeremy Priest, 1405 S. Washington; Ron Ives, 421 N. Fancher; Ronda and Gene Haymaker, 5480 East Valley; Stuart Seybert, 504 N. Kinney; Martin Evans, 320 Hiawatha; Sylvia Wagner, 1511 E. Gaylord; Margaret Brady, 415 N. Arnold; Pat Cwiek, 1122 Country Way; Jackie Hull, 1939 S. Mackenzie; Rudolph Kler, 5833 Lindy Lane, Weidman; Margaret Heintz, 315 N. Fancher; Terry Kunst, 611 W. May; Jeffrey Ellis, 213 N. Fancher; Gladys Mitchell, 814 S.
Kinney; and Gordon Rydman, 2507 N. Lincoln spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinance.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to postpone action on the proposed new Ordinance Title XVII, Chapter 170 “Human Rights” until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held June 25, 2012. Motion unanimously adopted.

The Commission recessed at 9:15 p.m. and returned at 9:25 p.m.

Commissioner Joslin excused himself from the meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the 2013-2017 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner English to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City, Central Michigan University and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe regarding access to the Mt. Pleasant Center property in a form approved by the City Attorney. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Rautanen congratulated the Chamber of Commerce staff, City staff and volunteers on Le Tour de Mount Pleasant success.

Commissioner Tilmann commented on a great week and weekend for Mt. Pleasant that included a concert, Summerfest, and Le Tour de Mount Pleasant. Commissioner Tilmann also asked about the Airport report.

Vice Mayor Ling announced that the Access Trail and Bridge dedication is scheduled for Saturday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m. She also thanked Lisa Hadden and all those involved in Le Tour de Mount Pleasant.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Dennis Egan, 915 W. Broadway, stated that he appreciates and is encouraged by the conversation that took place tonight.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 9:38 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor
Jeremy Howard, City Clerk