

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, May 11, 2015, 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 Rautanen; Commissioners Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Joslin

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

City Planner Jacob Kain presented the 2013/2014 Community Improvement Awards to:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
Commercial	116 N. Mission St.	MTPBGCRE LLC dba Graff Buick Cadillac GMC
Single-family	1042 Watson St.	J. Todd and Wendy Trucks
Multi-family	1003 Douglas St.	Rentwood Management LLC

Tribal Water Quality Specialist Carey Pauquette gave a presentation on the Chippewa River Annual Assessment.

Discussion ensued.

Additions to the Agenda

“Approval of the minutes of the closed session held April 27, 2015” was added to the Consent Calendar.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (March)
2. Annual Report on the Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Abatements from Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC)

Item #11 “Consider resolution to approve amended language of Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter and submit for placement on the November ballot.” was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held April 27, 2015.
2. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held April 27, 2015.
3. Second Memorandum of Understanding for archeological study between the City of Mt. Pleasant, the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and Central Michigan University.
4. Addition of water feature to Hannah’s Bark Park.
5. The following boards and commissions appointment was made as recommended by the Appointments Committee:
Building, Fire and Sanitary Sewer Board of Appeals

Term to Expire:

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| David Allen | 12/31/2016 |
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6. Payrolls dated April 24, 2015 and warrants dated April 22 and 30, 2015 all totaling \$595,844.84.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the CDBG Jockey Alley (Parking Lot #2) grant close-out. There being no public comment or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing. No Commission action required.

Consider whether a public hearing to adjust the 2015 millage rate should be held. No action was taken by the Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to approve the following resolution to adopt agenda format as required by Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances.

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 Commission, Subsection 30.04 "Agenda" (B) allows on a periodic basis, the City Commission to approve the form of the agenda for Commission meetings by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the agenda format to include minor changes amendments as discussed at the February 26 special meeting and the April 27 regular meeting of the City Commission, and

WHEREAS, the minor changes are intended to bring clarity to how items are added to or removed from agendas:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission adopt the attached new agenda format as attached for future use. (CC Exh. 5-2015)
Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to adopt the Resolution approving amended language of Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter and submit for placement on the November ballot:

WHEREAS, Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of 1909, as amended ("Act 279"), provides that a home rule city may amend its charter in accordance with the provisions of Act 279; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that it is in the best interests of the City to amend the City Charter to revise the requirement that appointed members of any City agency, board or committee may serve on the same body for not more than two (2) consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the qualified electors of the City to vote on the proposed amendment to City Charter Article XIV, Section 5 and

WHEREAS, Section 21 of Act 279 requires that the form in which proposed amendments to the City Charter shall be submitted on the ballot shall be determined by resolution of the City Commission.

NOW THEREFORE it is resolved that:

1. The City Commission, by a 3/5 vote of its members, proposes that Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Article XIV

Sec. 5 Members of Various Boards; Qualification; Notices.

The appointed members of any City agency, board, or committee, other than the Principal Shopping District Board (also known as the "Downtown Development Board"), shall be qualified electors of the City and shall, insofar as is possible, be representative of the entire City. The appointed members of the Principal Shopping District Board (also known as the "Downtown Development Board") shall meet the requirements of the applicable state law including that one member of the board shall be from the adjacent residential area, one member shall be a representative of the local governmental unit, and a majority of the members shall be nominees of individual businesses located within the principal shopping district. Before an appointed position is filled, notice of the vacancy shall be published at least two (2) times in a local newspaper of general circulation in the City. This notice shall state the nature of the vacancy, the term of office, the function of the agency, board, or committee for which the vacancy exists, and that any qualified elector of the City

may submit names, including his or her own name, for consideration in the filling of the vacancy. No appointed member of any City agency, board or committee shall serve on the same body for more than four (4) consecutive terms.

2. The proposed Charter amendment referenced in this Resolution shall be placed on the ballot in the following form, with a provision for voting “yes” or “no” for its adoption:

MOUNT PLEASANT CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT TO REVISE TERM LIMITS FOR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF CITY AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Shall Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter be amended to provide that no appointed member of any City agency, board or committee shall serve on the same body for more than four (4) consecutive terms?

This amendment is proposed for the purpose of revising the City Charter requirements that appointed members of any City agency, board or committee may serve on the same body for not more than two (2) consecutive terms.

3. The foregoing ballot language and proposed Charter Amendment referenced in this Resolution shall be submitted to the electors, the Governor of the state of Michigan and the Attorney General of the state of Michigan as required by law.
4. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Governor of the state of Michigan for his approval or disapproval of this amendment, and to the Attorney General, for his review of the proposed ballot language.
5. The foregoing Charter amendment shall be submitted to the electors for their adoption or rejection at an election to be held on November 3, 2015, or such date to which this election may be rescheduled.
6. The City Clerk shall give notice of such election as required by law. The notice shall include the proposed amendment to the City Charter in full with the existing Charter provisions which would be altered or abrogated. The clerk shall also post the amendment as required by law.
7. The City Manager, City Clerk, and City attorneys are authorized and directed to take any and all actions needed to seek voter approval of this Charter amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon passage by the City Commission.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Verleger

NAYS: Commissioner Sous

ABSENT: Commissioner Joslin

Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Kulick to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Verleger

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Joslin

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Sous thanked the public for coming out to the recent Potter Playground event. He announced that the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Ziibiwing Center will be holding an Honoring, Healing & Remembering event June 5th at the Mt.

Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School site from 7a.m. to 4p.m. and encouraged the public to attend.

Commissioner Verleger commented on the great feedback from the public and neighborhood at the Potter Playground event.

Commissioner Kulick announced construction is progressing on Hannah's Bark Park. He reminded the public of the joint meeting with Union Township regarding mosquito control taking place on Tuesday, May 12th at City Hall.

Mayor Holton asked Public Works Director Zang to give information on the Pickard Street closure.

City Manager Ridley showed some pictures of the sculpture that is being sent to Okaya, Japan in honor of our 50th Anniversary of our Sister City relationship. She thanked the Planning Commission at their last meeting and would like to thank the City Commission for their service on behalf of the staff and the citizens.

The Commission recessed at 7:49 p.m. and reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

WORK SESSION – 2016 – 2020 Capital Improvement Plan

City Manager Ridley led a discussion on the proposed 2016-2020 Capital Improvement Plan.

Discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan indicated general agreement on the following for Staff to pursue:

- o Obtain estimated pricing for pedestrian lighting on one side of the street from Bellows to High on Douglas, University, Franklin and Lansing (north/south only)
 - Provide estimated special assessment amounts if 30% of cost is assessed to properties in the M-2 zoning section of the area
- o Any pedestrian lighting in the TIF districts should be funded by the TIF dollars
- o Work with DDA on interest in more decorative lighting along Mission and Pickard and obtain cost estimates; may be willing to increase the capture rate to assist with funding over a shorter time period
- o Indicate to CMU there is interest in participating in the design and cost of a roundabout at Bellows and Washington if CMU will maintain the center of it
- o Ask DDB if any interest in installing cameras in the Downtown
- o Re-build of Playscape/Timbertown should be deferred to 2016
- o Notification to Henry Street residents and Planning Commission regarding new sidewalks in 2018 will occur after the CIP is approved; Planning Commission will be asked for input in February, 2016 during the joint meeting.

The Commission went into closed session at 8:54 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:11 p.m.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Kulick to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jim Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk