Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, June 22, 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; Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Rautanen

Others Present: City Manager Ridley, Deputy City Clerk Kornexl and Attorney Smith

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item #30: “Consider approval of contract with Michigan Amateur Softball Association (MASA)” was added to the Consent Calendar.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Historic District Commission Minutes (April)
3. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (April)
4. Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission Minutes (May)
5. Update on M-2 codification from City Planner Kain
6. Correspondence from Portland Middle School regarding Island Park.
7. Correspondence from the Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 907 President Maggie Ballauer regarding Young Eagles Day.
10. Correspondence from City resident Robert Nimms regarding planning and zoning.

Item #21: “Receive recommended text change to amend subsection 154.068(C)(1) of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to authorize transitional zoning in the Mission Redevelopment Overlay Zone and set a public hearing for Monday, July 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same.” was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held June 8, 2015 as amended.
2. Bid of Robinson Electrical & Mechanical of Riverdale, Michigan in the amount of $142,800 for the upgrade of two Island Park lift stations.
3. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an assessing services agreement with Brenda Beach of Stanwood, Michigan for two-years at the rate of $40 per residential record card and $30 per residential new construction card, not to exceed $21,000 per year.
4. Bid of Great Lakes Bay Construction of Midland, Michigan for Island Park Improvements for a contract price of $32,203.78 with additional requested work of $5,000 for a total contract price of $37,203.78.
5. 2015 Sidewalk Licenses for Norm’s Flower Petal and Lisa and Libby’s.
6. Receive proposed Ordinance to amend Title XI, Chapter 110 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances by amending section 111.10 and adding section 110.29 to regulate going-out-of-business sales and set a public hearing for Monday, July 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
7. WHEREAS, under the date of August 6, 2014, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 14-2014 (Install “No Parking 8 am – 5 pm Monday – Friday” signs, “No Parking”
signs, “Restricted Residential Parking-Permit Required” signs, and “No Parking Here to Corner” signs per the 2014 Residential Only Parking Program matrix attached. Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on June 22, 2015, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 14-2014 a permanent traffic control order.

8. WHEREAS, under the date of February 13, 2015, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 5-2015 (install “NO LEFT TURN” sign eastbound on West Campus Drive before railroad crossing prohibiting left turns into the first parking lot entrance east of the railroad crossing. Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on June 22, 2015, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making temporary traffic control order No. 5-2015 a permanent traffic control order.

9. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the extension of the Initial Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU) with Central Michigan University until December 31, 2015.


Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed text change to Subsections 154.067(B) and 154.067(C)(10)(a) of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to permit health clubs by right in the C-3 District. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling that Ordinance 993, an Ordinance to amend Subsections 154.067(B) and 154.067(C)(10)(a) of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to permit health clubs by right in the C-3 District having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to Section 154.121 of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to eliminate total width requirements for off-street parking spaces. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous that Ordinance 994, an Ordinance to amend Section 154.121 of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to eliminate total width requirements for off-street parking spaces having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Ordinance to amend Section 96.04 “Nuisance Gathering” of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.
Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling that Ordinance 995, an Ordinance to amend Section 96.04 “Nuisance Gathering” of the Mt. Pleasant Code of Ordinances having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the proposed amendment to add new Sections 98.20 through 98.24 collectively entitled “Complete Streets” to the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances to establish a complete streets ordinance. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous that Ordinance 996, an Ordinance to add new Sections 98.20 through 98.24 collectively entitled “Complete Streets” to the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances to establish a complete streets ordinance having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen
Motion carried.

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AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Ordinance to amend Section 71.27(B) “Overnight Parking” of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances to change the effective dates of prohibited overnight on-street parking in the non-downtown areas to December 1 to April 1 instead of from September 1 to May 1. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Kulick that Ordinance 997, an Ordinance to amend Section 71.27(B) “Overnight Parking” of the Mt. Pleasant City Code of Ordinances to change the effective dates of prohibited overnight on-street parking in the non-downtown areas to December 1 to April 1 instead of from September 1 to May 1 having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the City of Mt. Pleasant Housing Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2000 (Crisis Center, Inc. Project). There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger that Ordinance 998, an Ordinance Authorizing the Amendment of the City of Mt. Pleasant Housing Development Revenue Bonds, Series 2000 (Crisis Center, Inc. Project) having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen
Motion carried.
Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Ling to grant the appeal of Trevis Moore to allow for street-side refuse and recycling pick-up for the following reasons:
   a) timing of purchase of home;
   b) no burden to trash hauler;
   c) only block on Adams that has alley pick-up; and
   d) location of house on the lot is different from others on street.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to receive recommended text change to amend Subsection 154.068(C)(1) of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to authorize transitional zoning in the Mission Redevelopment Overlay Zone and set a public hearing for Monday, July 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Verleger to authorize the addition of a Code Enforcement Officer to the staffing and allocate funds from the HODAG fund for two years of the cost. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to approve the following appointments to the Dog Park Advisory Board as recommended by the Appointments Committee:

| Dog Park Advisory Board              | Term Expires:
|-------------------------------------|--------------
| Sue Gamble                          | December 31, 2017
| Susan Lindahl                       | December 31, 2018

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous 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, Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Rautanen

Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick thanked Max & Emily’s, Isabella Bank and CMU for putting on the summer concert series.

City Manager Ridley reminded residents that the use of consumer fireworks is allowed July 3, 4 and 5 but not between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

New Business

Commissioner Sous would like staff to start planning now for 2016 election day bus services. He would like service route to include stops at the University Center, Vowles Elementary (Precinct 6) and Fancher Elementary (Precinct 7).

Commissioner Ling would like staff to review the Ordinance and Appeal form to ensure that standards are clear as to who has standing to appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Tim Lannen, 1129 Meadow Drive, announced that Union Township has the same Ordinance as Mt. Pleasant with regards to use of consumer fireworks.

The Commission recessed at 7:47 p.m. and went into a closed session at 7:49 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 8:02 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

Jim Holton, Mayor  Mary Ann Kornexl, Deputy City Clerk