

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

City Clerk Howard called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Howard administered the Oath of Office to Lori Gillis, Allison Lents and Nicholas Madaj for the term January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018.

Commissioners Present: Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Clerk Howard

City Clerk Howard conducted the election of Mayor.

City Clerk Howard opened nominations for Mayor.

Commissioner Holton nominated Commissioner Ling for Mayor. Nominations were closed.

AYES: Commissioners: Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Ling was elected Mayor for 2016.

Mayor Ling opened nominations for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Madaj nominated Commissioner Lents for Vice Mayor. Commissioner Kulick nominated Commissioner Holton for Vice Mayor. Nominations were closed.

The Commission voted on the nomination of Commissioner Lents for Vice Mayor.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Lents, Ling and Madaj

NAYS: Commissioners Holton, Kulick and Verleger

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Lents was elected Vice Mayor for 2016.

Set Time and Day of Regular Meetings

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to adopt the following resolution setting time and day of regular meetings:

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires the City Commission to set the day, time and place of its regular meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission shall meet during 2016 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (except for December which will be held on the second and third Mondays of the month), at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway. Resolution unanimously adopted.

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling read and presented a proclamation to Kevin Wiltshire, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director at Mt. Pleasant Public Schools, in support of "Peacemaking Recognition Day, January 25, 2016".

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Item #17, "Appointment to Downtown Board" was added to the agenda.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (Nov.).
3. Correspondence regarding contribution to Women's Aide Service Fund from Ladies Night Out event.
4. Correspondence from Ms. Linda Colburn regarding City-wide garage sales.
5. Resignation of Elizabeth VanDorin from the Historic District Commission.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held December 14, 2015.
2. Contract for the engineering design and construction services of the Pickard Avenue Bridge project to Rowe Professional Services Company of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in an amount not-to-exceed \$81,352.
3. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the agreement for a purchase-use-buyback truck through Krapohl Ford for \$31,601.
4. WHEREAS, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant requests that the City Commission issue Traffic Control Order No. 1-2016 (Remove (1) "no parking sign" on the east side of Flynn Ln. north of Bellows St.) Said traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on January 11, 2016, for review and after reviewing said control order and being fully advised in the premises,
BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves traffic control order No. 1-2016 as a permanent traffic control order.
5. Payrolls dated 12/31/15 and warrants 1/6/16 and 1/7/16 all totaling \$1,147,076.17.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the naming request from The Mt. Pleasant Soccer Club for the new pavilion at Horizon Park. George Montgomery, 821 E. Maple St.; Joe Wentworth, 704 S. University; and Kip Cosan, 1696 E. Deerfield Rd., spoke in support of the naming request. There being no additional public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the resolution for the naming of the Carolyn Cosan Pavilion as presented.

WHEREAS, Carolyn Cosan, a lifelong community member, Premier Soccer player, coach, and youth leader whose passion for the game of soccer helped foster a partnership between the City of Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Pleasant Premier Soccer Club, and Mt. Pleasant Public Schools to provide commitment and funding for lasting improvements at Horizon Park; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn made substantial contributions to the Mt. Pleasant community through her volunteer work, coaching, and mentoring efforts; and

WHEREAS, despite being taken from her family, friends and community due to a tragic auto accident at the age of 18, Carolyn had served as a soccer coach, mentor, Girl Scout, Youth Services Cadet, youth soccer referee, and AKC Junior Dog Handler while continuing to be a positive role model; and

WHEREAS, as a senior at Mt. Pleasant High School, Carolyn served as team captain of the girls varsity soccer team and was the first Lady Oiler to be offered a collegiate soccer scholarship; and

WHEREAS, after her passing, Carolyn's family doubled efforts that fueled community commitment, involvement, and fundraising for Horizon Park, spearheading

fund development for the installation of new soccer dugouts and pavilion with a concession stand to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly recognized that Carolynn's legacy of passion and inspiration have fostered many positive additions to our community and Horizon Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission, on behalf of the project partners and citizens of Mt. Pleasant, thank the Mt. Pleasant Soccer Club, along with the Cosan family, and join them in recognition and tribute of Carolynn Cosan and her passion, commitment, and leadership as inspiration to develop a premier community park that can be enjoyed by all; and

FURTHER, officially name the new shelter at Horizon Park "*Carolynn Cosan Pavilion*".

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Kulick to support the grant request for a regional collaborative effort to replace SCBA systems for fire departments serving residents in four counties. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to set a special meeting for Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to begin priority setting discussion. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to set a special meeting for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. for a 2017 priority setting discussion. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve Appointments of City Employee Representatives to various ad hoc boards and committees for 2016 were made as follows:

Building Authority

Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl

Center for Applied Research Technology/
Local Development Finance Authority

City Manager Nancy Ridley or

Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl as alternate

911/Central Dispatch Governing Board

Public Safety Director Glenn Feldhauser or

Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Pickler as alternate

Isabella County Material Recovery Facility Governing Board

Department of Public Works Director John Zang

MML Legislative Coordinator

City Manager Nancy Ridley

Mid Michigan Area Cable and Telecommunications Consortium Board

City Clerk Jeremy Howard or

Public Relations Coordinator Molli Ferency as alternate

Middle Michigan Development Corporation

Economic Development Director William Mrdeza or

City Manager Nancy Ridley as alternate

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the following appointment of City Commission Representatives to City boards and commissions for 2016:

Principal Shopping District Board

(Downtown Development Board)

Vice Mayor Allison Lents

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis requested that staff set up a meeting, at earliest possible time, with APM Mosquito Control to get further information and research options for terminating the mosquito contract.

Vice Mayor Lents requested that staff investigate education opportunities and then possible enforcement options of commercial properties and their requirements for shoveling sidewalks clear of snow.

Commissioner Madaj requested staff consider action at next meeting to delay enforcement of new public peace ordinance and schedule a worksession to review the ordinance.

Commissioner Kulick announced that City of Mt. Pleasant Airport Manager John Benzinger passed away at the end of last year and wonders what can be done to commemorate his years of service and would like to ask the Airport Advisory Board for their input. He also reminded residents to keep cars off the streets overnight to help with snow removal.

Commissioner Verleger welcomed new Commissioners and stated that he looks forward to working with them. He also spoke of how John Benzinger was a true ambassador for the airport and shared that he will be missed.

Mayor Ling thanked Commissioner Holton for his service as Mayor and Vice Mayor over the last 5 years and for how he has represented the City.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Tim Caldwell, 1340 Glenn St., spoke in opposition to the recently passed Ordinance 1007 regarding public peace.

Lara Raisanen, 507 S. University, said she enjoyed the downtown decorations during the holidays and throughout the year.

Jana Leslie, 1755 Abby Rd, East Lansing, Relay for Life, thanked the City for allowing the Relay for Life to be in Nelson Park in 2015, but is concerned that the application to have it in Nelson Park for 2016 was denied.

Bryan Mielke, 3791 Greenacres Dr., welcomed the new Commissioners and encouraged the City Commission to continue the positive relationship with the Union Township Board.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. without objection.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk