Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, November 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Public Input on Agenda Items


Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Airport Advisory Board Minutes. (October)
3. Communication from City resident Marie Koper regarding a request for City Commission support in signing an open letter to Congress and State lawmakers calling for action to address climate change.

Item #11: “Consider resolution authorizing Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contract for partial reimbursement for the 2017 Pickard Avenue Bridge project.” was removed from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:
1. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held November 2, 2016.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held November 14, 2016.
3. Receive Brownfield Plan Amendment for 1040 E. Broomfield and set a public hearing for Monday, December 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
4. Resolution in support of the 2016 Le Frost Cross Bicycle Race as follows:
   WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan is dedicated to providing quality community services to the area it serves; and
   WHEREAS, community leadership and involvement through partnerships with community organizations is a crucial element in the accomplishment of that mission; and
   WHEREAS, The Mid Michigan Cycling Club is hosting a community and county wide event entitled “Le Frost Cross,” as part of a series of community and pro-racing bicycling events and on December 3rd of 2016 wishes to partner with the City of Mt. Pleasant,
   WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant wishes to partner with the Mid Michigan Cycling Club to provide a positive economic impact in the county and surrounding area,
   WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant will be named as additional insured and shall indemnify and keep indemnified its officers, commission members, and employees from all claims, suits, and judgments, through insurance coverage from USA Cycling.
   NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mt. Pleasant and the Mid Michigan Cycling Club are formally expressing their desire to work together and partner to host “Le Frost Cross” bicycling event to be held in on the 3rd of December in 2016.
5. Payrolls dated November 18, 2016 and warrants dated November 14, 16 and 23, 2016 all totaling $1,136,647.65.
Motion unanimously adopted.
Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to increase the contract with GameTime and Sinclair Recreation for playground equipment for TimberTown 2.0 to a not-to-exceed amount of $351,500 along with the appropriate 2016 budget amendment. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Madaj to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contract with Isabella County for inspection service assistance for 2017-2019 as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Lents to amend the 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Plan for Downtown projects as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to approve the following Resolution authorizing Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contract for partial reimbursement for the 2017 Pickard Avenue Bridge Project:

WHEREAS, a Grant Agreement (MDOT Contract No. 16-5509) has been submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which requires the City of Mt. Pleasant to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the contract for reimbursement of funds to the City for the 2017 Pickard Avenue Bridge over the Chippewa River Rehabilitation Project, including all related work, and
WHEREAS, the reconstruction and improvements made to the Pickard Avenue Bridge will improve safety for both motoring and pedestrian traffic; and
WHEREAS, the Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Kulick, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Lents
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the following resolution for restructuring the Principal Shopping District Board formerly (DDB), Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA).

WHEREAS, the City created the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Mt. Pleasant pursuant to 1975 PA 197, MCL 125.1651 et seq. (the “DDA”), the Tax Increment Finance Authority of the City of Mt. Pleasant pursuant to 1980 PA 450, MCL 125.1801 et seq. (the “TIFA”), and a Principal Shopping District (the “PSD”) pursuant to 1961 PA 120, MCL 125.981 et seq.; and
WHEREAS, as permitted by the previously cited statutes, the City previously designated the DDA Board to also serve as the TIFA Board and the Principal Shopping District Board (previously referred to as the “DDB”) to oversee the principal shopping district; and
WHEREAS, the City Commission now believes separate boards will better serve the needs of the DDA district, the two TIFA development areas and the principal shopping district, but that some overlap of the TIFA Board and the PSD Board will enhance their collaborative efforts.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
1. The TIFA Board shall be a 9 member board. The members shall be appointed through the Mayor’s recommendation to the Appointments Committee, subject to the City Commission’s approval, and the members shall meet the following criteria:
   A. One member shall be a City Commissioner;
   B. One member shall represent Isabella County;
   C. Three members shall have an interest in property located in the TIFA’s Central Business District development area;
D. Three members shall be officers, members, trustees, principals, or employees of a legal entity having an interest in property located in the TIFA’s Central Business District development area; and

E. To the extent reasonably practical, one member shall have an interest in property located in the TIFA’s Industrial Park North development area or shall be an officer, member, trustee, principal, or employee of a legal entity having an interest in property located in the TIFA’s Industrial Park North development area.

2. The PSD Board shall be a 9 member board. The members shall be appointed through the Mayor’s recommendation to the Appointments Committee, subject to the City Commission’s approval, and the members shall meet the following criteria:
   A. One member shall be a City Commissioner;
   B. One member of the PSD Board shall be from the adjacent residential area; and
   C. Not less than 5 members nor more than 7 members of the PSD Board shall be nominees of individual businesses located within the principal shopping district.

3. To the extent reasonably practical, the members of the TIFA Board and the PSD Board should be the same persons, and the City Commission shall make all possible efforts to ensure that at least seven persons who meet the requirements of both the TIFA Board and the PSD Board are appointed to serve simultaneously on those two boards.

4. As required by City Code section 32.20 the DDA Board shall be an 11 member board. The members shall be appointed through the City Manager’s recommendation to the Appointments Committee, subject to the City Commission’s approval, and the members shall meet the following criteria:
   A. One member shall be the City Manager;
   B. One member shall represent Isabella County;
   C. Not less than a majority of the members of the board shall be persons having an interest in property located in the DDA’s district or be officers, members, trustees, principals, or employees of a legal entity having an interest in property located in the DDA’s district; and
   D. If the DDA’s district has 100 or more persons residing in it, at least one member shall be a resident of the DDA’s district.

5. Based on information provided by the boards and City staff, the City Commission will review the effectiveness of this board restructuring prior to the end of December 2018 to determine if any changes are needed.

6. City staff and City legal counsel are directed to take all actions necessary to amend any documents as may be necessary in order to effectuate this resolution.

7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, are rescinded.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve the following appointments to various City boards and commissions as recommended by the Appointments Committee.

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Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Madaj to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, for strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

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

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Holton, Kulick, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Vice Mayor Lents thanked everyone that participated in the Planapalooza event and encouraged public to attend the Downtown Christmas Celebration this weekend.

Commissioner Verleger thanked Department of Public Works for getting the leaves off the streets.
Mayor Ling thanked the citizens and public for coming out to the recent Planapalooza event and congratulated Commissioner Verleger’s wife on being hired as Superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Joe Olivieri, 1426 Orchard Ln., requested that the Commission help with the intersections near Sacred Heart School to light the intersections and provide other safety enhancements for the crossing guards and students.

Nate Lockwood, 2211 Oconnor Dr., requested that the Commission help with the intersections near Sacred Heart School to light the intersections and provide other safety enhancements for the crossing guards and students.

The Commission recessed at 7:40 and went into closed session at 7:44 p.m. Closed session ended at 8:21 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

The Commission went into a second closed session at 8:22 p.m. The closed session ended at 8:37 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Holton to approve contract for Mount Pleasant Association of Fire Fighters of the Police Officers Labor Council. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to approve easement purchases. Motion unanimously adopted.

WORK SESSION

1. Budget discussion on remaining items.

Mayor Ling led a discussion on the remaining items in the budget discussion.

Discussion ensued.

Recommendation for the 2017 budget approval will be on the next agenda.

2. Review and discuss requested changes to draft ordinance language restricting solid waste pickup hours and exception policy.

Mayor Ling led a discussion on the requested changes to the draft ordinance language restricting solid waste pickup hours and exception policy.

Discussion ensued.

Recommendation will be on an upcoming agenda.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m. without objection.

Kathleen Ling, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk