Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 28, 2016, at 7:01 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, Kulick and Madaj

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Holton and Verleger

Others Present: City Manager Ridley and City Attorney Smith

Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Ling recognized and presented certificates to the participants of the inaugural Mt. Pleasant Citizens’ Academy.

Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club member David Foster presented a donation of $12,000 to the Potter Playground project. Mayor Ling read and presented a Proclamation to David Foster and others representing the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club for their contribution of time and money for the Potter Playground project.

Mayor Ling read and presented a Proclamation in support of “Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran’s Day” (March 29, 2016).

Middle Michigan Development Corporation (MMDC) President Jim McBryde gave a quarterly update for MMDC.

Receipt of Petitions and Presentations

Received the following petitions and communications:
1. City Manager report on pending items.
3. Receipt of annual Industrial Facilities Tax (IFT) Abatement Report from MMDC.
4. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (February).
5. Historic District Commission Minutes (February).

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

1. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held March 8, 2016.
2. Minutes of the joint meeting of the City Commission and Planning Commission held March 14, 2016.
3. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held March 14, 2016.
4. Minutes of the closed session of the City Commission held March 14, 2016.
5. Bid of Peerless-Midwest, Inc. of Ionia, Michigan in the amount of $22,618 with a not-to-exceed amount of $33,000 for the rehabilitation of Well 17.
6. Authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt for the acquisition of avigation easements at a cost of $92,092.
7. Receive proposed amendment to Title IX, Chapter 93, Sections 93.01, 93.02 and 93.12 of the Mt. Pleasant City Code regarding adoption of the International Fire Code and Fire Department Connections and set a public hearing for Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
8. Payrolls dated March 11, 2016 and warrants dated March 9, 11 and 17, 2016 all totaling $930,773.80.

Motion unanimously adopted.
Received Commissioners’ recommendations and rankings for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations and approval for submission of same.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the transfer of RLF funds from the EDC to the TIFA-CBD for Downtown Façade Improvement Program. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Gillis to set a special meeting for Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Rm A in the Mt. Pleasant City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Ling made the following City Commissioner appointments to the City Manager Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee.

City Manager Evaluation Committee
Jim Holton   Kathleen Ling
Allison Lents   Nicholas Madaj

Mayor Ling made the following appointment to boards and commissions.

County Tax Allocation Board
Kathleen Ling, Mayor

The Commission recessed at 7:47 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:55 p.m.

WORK SESSION

A) Potential Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1) Airport farming bid.
   Discussion ensued.
   Recommendation will be on April 11 agenda.

2) Section 131 Ordinance amendments.
   Discussion ensued.
   Two options will be provided on April 11 agenda.

3) Playscape contract for replacement
   Discussion ensued.
   Recommendation will be on April 11 agenda.

B) Future Agenda Items

1) Addition of bike lanes in 2016.
   Discussion ensued.
   Item will come back for further discussion.
C) Commissioner Ideas for Potential Future Topics:

1) Commissioner Gillis suggested the Commission discuss surveillance video on the backside of City Hall in April. She also suggested the Commission discuss Mosquito education.

2) Commissioner Madaj suggested the Commission consider combining the work session packets at a future meeting.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m. without objection.

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Kathleen Ling, Mayor     Nancy Ridley, Deputy City Clerk