

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission and Central Michigan University Student Government Association held Monday, October 29, 2018, at 7:02 p.m., at Central Michigan University Center Auditorium, 103 E. Preston St., Mt. Pleasant.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Lents and Vice Mayor Madaj; Commissioners Gillis, Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde and Ling

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Lents provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting and facilitated introductions of the Commissioners to the Student Government Association (SGA).

RECEIPT OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Correspondence and resolution received from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the formation of a Recreation Authority for the purpose of a community indoor aquatic facility.
2. Email correspondence received from Bruce Kilmer, regarding sidewalk snow removal.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held October 22, 2018.
2. Bid of Republic Service of Pierson, Michigan for solid waste collection and disposal for \$15.53 per cubic yard gate fee, \$17,782.93 per month collection fee with a 2.5% annual inflation factor and to include the change of law language as approved by the City Attorney.
3. One year contract extension with Mid Michigan Industries (MMI) of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for curbside recycling collection services for \$6,910 per month.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Lents and Madaj

NAYS: Commissioner Ling

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commission Kulick and supported by Commissioner Joseph to approve the installation of a commercial ball field system at one upper Pickens Field through a donation from the Mt. Pleasant Little League and authorize staff to establish a use agreement on the same. Motion unanimously adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ON CITY-RELATED ISSUES AND NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Kulick announced a recently passed Uniform Traffic Code amendment requiring drivers leave a 3 foot passing distance for bikes.

Commissioner Gillis encouraged more outreach to students in neighborhoods by police and code enforcement; she commented that she would like to see college students get information on events like spring porch fest and would like to see them attend. She also announced City/CMU liaison committee is working with ICRH Commission on “let peace reign” campaign.

Commissioner Ling thanked the Student Government Association (SGA) for having the City Commission at their meeting. She announced that Tuesday, November 6 is election day and encouraged public to get out and vote.

Mayor Lents reminded residents that absentee voting is available on Saturday, November 3 from 8:00 am. until 2:00 p.m.

Commissioner Joseph announced that the Isabella County Restoration House is starting back up for the season and always needs volunteers and encourages students to volunteer.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jake Hendricks, Deerfield Village, asked Commissioner Joseph to share his experience coming from recent CMU graduate to City Commissioner.

Samuel Conners, asked the Commissioners to look into improving pedestrian safety on campus.

Matt Biolette, Republic Services, thanked Commission for approving refuse contract and stated that he looks forward to working with the City in the future.

Gabrielle Wobbler, Lexington Ridge, asked how the Commission plans to diversify.

Karaline Murry, RA Larzelere Hall, announced that SGA will be hosting a Student Body Town Hall on November 29.

John Corby, 1820 S. Crawford, voiced concerns with amphitheater and its use; would like to see lighting on City streets between campus and downtown.

Elizabeth Lilly, Townhouses off Broomfield, would like to see can baskets around campus and City for homeless to collect cans from instead of trashcans and dumpsters.

Anonymous, questioned why there is no polling location on campus.

Gretchen Coby, Larzelere Hall, commented that other states have polling locations in multiple rooms in the same location; also, asked how you increase relationships between families and students in the City, particularly on big party weekends?

Gabe Lefsky, 500 East Ojibway, would like to see information on bike/pedestrian accidents for work he is doing on drafting SGA legislation for bike lanes on campus.

Celia Moreno, Larzelere Hall, would like to see recycling and composting at apartment complexes.

The Commission recessed at 7:57 p.m. and went into work session at 8:15 p.m.

WORK SESSION (Maroon Room – Bovee University Center)

1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS

Jim McBryde, President, MMDC and Erin Strang, President and CEO, CMURC gave a presentation on 2018 accomplishments under the contracts to date.

Mayor Lents led a discussion on the City's Economic development contracts with CMURC and MMDC.

Discussion ensued.

2. SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

Mayor Lents led a discussion on sidewalk snow removal/draft ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

Commission indicated interest in obtaining information on what it would take to have City staff clear at least some of the sidewalks if equipment and/or staff were added. Staff to research and bring further clarification questions back to the City Commission at a later date. Action on the pending ordinance amendment will need to occur at the next meeting.

Mayor Lents adjourned the meeting at 9:53 p.m. without objection.

Allison Lents, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk