

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Tuesday, May 29, 2018, at 6:30 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Proclamations and Presentations

Fire Chief Beltinck introduced newly hired Paid On Call Firefighter Brad Wahr.

Mayor Lents read a proclamation recognizing Special Olympics Michigan week, May 31 – June 2.

Mayor Lents and City Planner Kain presented a Neighborhood Mini Grant to South West Association of Neighbors.

Peter Haefner, Partner with Vredeveld Haefner LLC, gave a presentation of the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. City Manager report on pending items.
2. Receipt of 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.
3. Airport Advisory Board Minutes. (April)
4. Tax Increment Finance Authority/Principal Shopping District (TIFA/PSD) Minutes. (April)
5. Receipt of 2017 Component Unit Financial Reports.
6. Resignation of David Prout from the Board of Review.
7. Communications received from Sharon, 312 Oak St.; Arnold Krueger, 1413 North Dr.; and James Haas, Cresco Labs Michigan LLC, 7177 E. UV Ave., Vicksburg, regarding Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMMFLA) proposed ordinances.
8. Letters at the dias received from Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Superintendent Jennifer Verleger, 720 N. Kinney Ave.; James McBryde on behalf of Mt. Pleasant Industrial Park South Park Review Board; Andy Theisen, Konwinski Construction Inc., 1900 Gover Parkway; Omar Fakhouri; Cathy Jensen; Dr. Anton Jensen, Professor of Chemistry, CMU; and Brandon McQueen, 805 N. Cooley St. regarding Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities Licensing Act (MMMFLA) proposed ordinances.

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

1. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held May 8, 2018.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held May 14, 2018.
3. Bid of Apollo Fire Equipment Company of Romeo, Michigan for hydraulic rescue tools in the amount of \$63,000.00.
4. Bid of Garber Contracting of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for construction of the Mission Creek restroom facility in the amount of \$289,938 and a budget amendment of \$8,000. In addition, advance approval for the addition of the \$20,000 concession/warming area construction by Garber Contracting is approved if grants or donations are received.
5. Outdoor dining application of Pure Vitality until December 31, 2018.
6. Agreement with USA Softball of Michigan for the Girls' Fast Pitch State Tournament in an amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.
7. Authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for the PAPI light inspection and appropriate budget amendments.
8. Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) resolution authorizing a contract for continued operation and maintenance of the airport AWOS system until July 31, 2023 as follows:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation provides services consisting of data dissemination and maintenance related to the AWOS system at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant supports these services for providing an added level of safety at the airport; and

WHEREAS, the annual costs to the City of Mt. Pleasant are on a 50% cost sharing formula with MDOT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

9. Warrants dated May 11, 15 and 23, 2018 and Payrolls dated May 18, 2018 all totaling \$781,260.34.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Madaj to approve the 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan as presented. Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on proposed ordinance to add a new Chapter 112, entitled "Medical Marihuana Facilities" to Title XI of the Mt. Pleasant City Code to allow certain facilities operated in accordance with state law and to add a new subsection 154.401.B.4.p. and to amend Table 154.410.A of the Mt. Pleasant Zoning Ordinances to regulate medical marihuana facilities as special uses.

Correspondence was received from Mt. Pleasant Public Schools Superintendent Jennifer Verleger; James McBryde on behalf of Mt. Pleasant Industrial Park South Park Review Board; Andy Theisen, Konwinski Construction Inc.; Omar Fakhouri; Cathy Jensen;

Dr. Anton Jensen, Professor of Chemistry, CMU; Brandon McQueen, 805 N. Cooley; Sharon, 312 Oak St.; Arnold Krueger, 1413 North Dr.; and James Haas, Cresco Labs Michigan LLC, 7177 E. UV Ave., Vicksburg.

Paul Bigard and Brian Smith, Sacred Heart Academy, 316 E. Michigan St.; Nancy Olivieri, 1426 Orchard Dr., Tim Klump, 2850 Whitepine Dr., spoke in support of 1000 foot buffer to schools. Andy Theisen, 1900 Gover Parkway, spoke in favor of prohibiting provisioning centers in Industrial Zones. James Haas, CRESCO labs, 7177 E. UV Ave., Vicksburg, spoke in support of the ordinance and would like to see 802 N. Main St. included in area available for facilities. James Moreno, 316 S. Arnold; and Colleen Schoenfeld, 220 N. Kinney spoke in support of the ordinance and in opposition to 1000 foot buffer zone. Matt Mertz, 1540 S. Bamber; Dr. Michael Papenfuse, 1291 Queens Way, Lake Isabella; and Deb Carey, Vestaburg, MI spoke in support of the Ordinance; Craig Aronoff, Cannabis Legal Group of Royal Oak; and Samuel Kilberg of Dykema Gossett PLLC, Bloomfield Hills spoke of concerns with lottery system; Doug Collins, 2001 Elva St., would like to see Marihuana in pill form.

There being no additional comments or communications, Mayor Lents closed the public hearing. No action was taken by the Commission at this time.

Moved by Vice Mayor Madaj and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve a budget amendment of \$8,410 from the TIFA unassigned fund balance for the round planter removals as recommended by the TIFA-CBD. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Ling to approve a 2018 budget amendment of \$30,000 within the water, wastewater, major streets, local streets and general funds to hire an Assistant DPW Director position. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Madaj to approve a budget amendment of \$45,000 from the LDFA unassigned fund balance for a conceptual design as recommended by the LDFA.

AYES: Commissioners Joseph, Kulick, LaLonde, Lents, Ling and Madaj
NAYS: Commissioner Gillis
ABSENT: None
Motion carried

Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Ling encouraged public to submit applications for the Board of Review vacancy.

City Manager Ridley encouraged public to submit applications for the Economic Development Board.

Commissioner Gillis announced that Parcel B has an applicant and they are asking for Brownfield incentives and tax abatements.

Mayor Lents thanked the VFW and American Legion for memorial service. She announced the Farmers Market begins Thursday, June 7th and the Saturday Farmers Market begins June 30th. She thanked the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe for support through 2% funding awards.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Larry King, Assistant Prosecutor, announced his candidacy for Isabella County Prosecuting Attorney.

Andy Theisen, 1900 Gover Parkway, spoke in opposition to the MMMFLA ordinance and locating marijuana provisioning center businesses in the Industrial Park.

Richard Sills, northern Isabella County spoke in support of marijuana plant use and development.

The Commission recessed at 8:20 p.m. and went into a work session at 8:33 p.m.

Work Session - Barriers that exist for infill redevelopment and Economic Development Action Plan draft.

Mayor Lents led a discussion on barriers that exist for infill redevelopment and Economic Development Action Plan draft.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will look at the list of barriers and start to develop solutions to bring back to the Commission for future discussion. Staff will draft implementation strategies for the Economic Development Action Plan, obtain input from economic development boards, and bring back a full document for consideration.

Mayor Lents adjourned the meeting 9:20 p.m. without objection.

Allison Lents, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk