

**Mt. Pleasant Planning Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 2, 2018**

I. Chair Hoenig called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Dailey (arrived at 7:05), Friedrich, Hoenig, Horgan, Irwin, Kostrzewa, Liesch, Ortman, Rise.

Staff: Kain, Murphy

II. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Friedrich, support by Kostrzewa, to approve the agenda.

Motion approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. June 28, 2018 Regular Meeting:

Motion by Kostrzewa, support by Rise, to approve the minutes from the June 28, 2018 regular meeting as submitted.

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Zoning Board of Appeals Report for July:

Friedrich reported that the ZBA did not meet in July.

V. Communications:

Kain reported there were no communications.

VI. Public Hearings:

A. SUP-18-09-1711 S. Mission

Kain noted that there was no one in attendance representing this case and that the Planning Commission has postponed cases when the applicant is not in attendance in the past. He suggested that the Commission consider postponement.

Motion by Ortman, support by Horgan, to postpone SUP-18-09 until the September 6, 2018 meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Public Comments

Chair Hoenig opened the floor for public comments.

There being no one who wished to speak, the public comments section was closed.

VIII. Site Plan Reviews:

None

IX. Unfinished Business:

None

X. New Business:

- A. **Economic Development Action Plan:** Kain introduced the Economic Development Action Plan developed by the Economic Development Department. Kain explained that the City's current plan was adopted in 2008 and is being updated based on recommendations by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to further prepare the City to receive Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Certification. Kain explained the benefits of the RRC program and noted that since the City engaged in the process we have progressed from 40% to 93% completeness. One of the remaining tasks is to adopt an Economic Development Action Plan.

Kain noted that the City Commission would receive the plan at their August 13th meeting and has asked that the Planning Commission review the document and provide any comments they may have.

Kain fielded questions from the Commission regarding Census data and how University students are counted in that data; housing opportunities for young professionals; Redevelopment Liquor Licenses; Fire Suppression requirements; and Façade Improvement.

Kain further noted that the upcoming Master Plan will include a new economic development action plan, replacing the one currently being reviewed.

The Planning Commission had no comments or recommendations to pass on to the City Commission.

XI. Other:

Kain reported that the case that was postponed from tonight's meeting would appear on the agenda for September. In addition, we have received a request from Speedway for a Special Use Permit to allow a special regulated use (Liquor Store) in the CD-4 district.

Kain reminded the Planning Commission that there is a special meeting scheduled for August 15, 2018 to view presentations and to interview the two consultant firms identified by the RFP Committee for the new Master Plan. Kain reported that we received 8 bids and the committee chose McKenna and Wade Trim as the two firms most suited for this project. The Planning Commission will not be making a recommendation at the special meeting but will be expected to make a recommendation to the City Commission regarding which team to engage for this project at their September 6, 2018 regular meeting.

Kain commented that he will be contacting Planning Commission members to set up one on one meetings within the next few weeks.

Commissioner Kostrzewa announced that Central Michigan University will be announcing their new President tomorrow at the CMU Library, and this will be open to the public.

Vice-Chair Horgan asked if the Commission was required to attend training. Kain noted that there is no requirement for the Planning Commission to attend any training; however, he encouraged Commissioners to take advantage of training when available.

XII. Adjournment:

Motion by Dailey, support by Friedrich, to adjourn.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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