

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Holton and Vice Mayor Kilmer; Commissioners English, Joslin, Ling, McGuire and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and Deputy City Clerk Ridley

Proclamations and Presentations

Community Services Director Rich Morrison and Planning & Community Development Director Jeff Gray gave a presentation on the Downtown Connection.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Edward and Nedra Fisher, 1344 Highland St., spoke in favor of keeping "No Parking" signs up.

Charlie Cline, 1345 Highland St. and Cameron Lovett, 1337 Highland St. spoke in favor of keeping "No Parking" signs on corners only.

Cameron Lovett, 1337 Highland St., agreed with Mr. Cline's solution.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Second Quarter Investment Report

Commissioner Tilmann removed item 5b "HVAC System for Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building" from the Consent Calendar.

Commissioner McGuire removed item 5a "Main Street Pathway and Lighting" from the Consent Calendar.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session of the City Commission held July 12, 2010.
2. Payrolls dated 7/14/10 and 7/23/10 and warrants dated 7/14/10 and 7/22/10 all totaling \$869,907.82.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the conditional rezoning of the Wesley Foundation Property. Wesley Foundation Director Charles Farnum, 1160 Glenn St. spoke in favor of the rezoning. There being no additional comments or communications the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve the conditional rezoning of the Wesley Foundation Property and passed, ordained and ordered published Ordinance No. 953, an ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of Chapter 154 of the Zoning Ordinances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of M. Pleasant and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Ling to award the bid for Main Street Pathway and Lighting portion of the Downtown to Campus Connection project to J. Ranck Electric of Mt Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of

\$293,313.50. An ARRA Department of Energy grant was received to support the installation of the LED lighting. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner McGuire to award the bid for HVAC System for Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building to M.E. Crosby of Edmore, Michigan in the amount of \$19,861.00. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to adopt the following resolution making a portion of Temporary Traffic Control Order #7-2010 permanent.

WHEREAS, under the date of April 13, 2010, the Traffic Engineer of the City of Mt. Pleasant issued temporary traffic control order No. 7-2010 (“**NO PARKING 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. SCHOOL DAYS**” signs on both sides of Highland Street from Crescent to Preston Street). Said temporary traffic control order was presented to the City Commission on July 26, 2010, for review and after reviewing said temporary control order and being fully advised in the premises, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission desires the “No Parking” signs in the middle of the block section be removed for 90 days to evaluate the effect.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission approves making a portion of temporary traffic control order No. 7-2010 a permanent traffic control order, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “No Parking” signs on the corners of Highland/Crescent and Highland/Preston become permanent traffic orders, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the “No Parking” signs in the middle of the Highland block from Crescent to Preston be removed for 90 days for evaluation.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to postpone action on Temporary Traffic Control Order #7-2010 for two weeks to get additional input from residents and staff.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Ling and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioners Kilmer and McGuire

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to adopt the following Resolution in Support of the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum.

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum will spark creativity, nourish learning, and inspire the curiosity of children through self-directed discovery in an engaging, hands-on environment; and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum will provide fun, educational opportunities for families in central Michigan as well as those visiting or traveling through the area; and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum will serve Isabella, Gratiot, Clare, Midland, Montcalm and Mecosta counties which collectively have approximately 71,000 children under 18 years of age; and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum will encourage a large use of services and goods from local businesses and individuals during the Museum’s inception, construction and operation; and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum will build relationships/partnerships with educational institutions, businesses, service groups and other non-profits in order to provide additional learning opportunities and/or mutual economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum has gained several hundred individual, agency, foundation and business supporters in the central Michigan area,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mt. Pleasant City Commission hereby expresses its support to the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum in its quest to have the Museum facility and initial exhibits established by late 2011.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve Agreement with Central Michigan University on parking and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute said Agreement. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to receive the request from CME, LLC to create an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement Certificate and set a public hearing on same for August 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, 320 W. Broadway St., Mt. Pleasant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Holton recused himself from deliberation on the consideration of transfer of funds from Economic Development Fund to finance architectural renderings.

Moved by Commissioner English and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the transfer of \$2800 from the Economic Development Fund to finance architectural renderings in the Downtown. Motion unanimously adopted with Mayor Holton recused.

Mayor Holton returned to his position at the dias.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve a resolution to amend a prior resolution to modify ballot language for the proposed amendment to Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter, and submit for placement on the November 2, 2010 election ballot.

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2010 the Commission approved the proposed amendment to City Charter Article XIV, Section 5 and the ballot language for the qualified electors of the City to vote on the proposed Charter Amendment.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Attorney General's office, upon its required review, has suggested certain changes to the ballot language.

WHEREAS, the City Commission believes that the changes the Michigan Attorney General's office suggests be made to the ballot language the City Commission approved on June 28, 2010 should be made:

1. The proposed Charter amendment referenced in this Resolution shall be placed on the ballot in the following form, with a provision for voting "yes" or "no" for its adoption:

MOUNT PLEASANT CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT SETTING REQUIREMENTS
FOR CITY AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Shall Article XIV, Section 5 of the City Charter be amended to provide that appointed members of the Principal Shopping District Board need not be qualified electors of the City, but shall be, as state law requires, either from adjacent residential areas (one member), a representative of the City (one member), or the nominees of individual businesses located within the Principal Shopping District (a majority of the members)?

This amendment is proposed for the purpose of eliminating the City Charter requirement that appointed members of the Principal Shopping District Board be qualified electors of the City.

2. The foregoing ballot language shall be submitted to the electors, the Governor of the state of Michigan and the Attorney General of the state of Michigan as required by law.
3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Governor of the state of Michigan for her approval or disapproval of this amendment, and to the Attorney General, for his review of the proposed ballot language.
4. The City Manager, City Clerk, and City attorneys are authorized and directed to take any and all actions needed to seek voter approval of this Charter amendment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon passage by the City Commission.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann thanked Broadway Theatre for accommodating the concert relocation.

Commissioner Ling distributed invitation from Mt. Pleasant Area Diversity Group for round table discussion. She also congratulated ArtReach on Chair Affair event.

Commissioner McGuire announced walking event to provide funding for Meals On Wheels.

Commissioner English thanked City staff for hosting two softball tournaments.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Cindy Schrauben, 4505 Wykes Lane, thanked the Commission for their support of the Discovery Museum.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:55 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Nancy Ridley, Deputy City Clerk