

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held Monday, May 21, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., in the Conference Room A of the Mt. Pleasant City Hall.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger, City Clerk Howard, Attorney Scott Smith, Directors Ridley, Rouse, Mrdeza and Interim Director Forsberg

A public hearing was held on the Downtown Infrastructure Grant (DIG) for Parking Lot #2 (Jockey Alley) application. There being no public comment or communications received the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Holton to adopt the following resolution in support of the Downtown Infrastructure Grant (DIG).

WHEREAS the City of Mt. Pleasant has been invited to submit an application for a \$583,000 community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation with \$287,500 in local match funds, and

WHEREAS the project is identified as the City of Mt. Pleasant Parking Lot #2 (Jockey Alley) Reconstruction project, and

WHEREAS the City of Mt. Pleasant will use the CDBG funds to reconstruct a parking lot in the downtown, and

WHEREAS the project is consistent with the local community development plan as described in the application and 2006 Master Plan and

WHEREAS at least 51% of the beneficiaries of the proposed project will be low and moderate income persons, and

WHEREAS local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project will not be incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures, and formal written authorization to incur costs is received from the MEDC, and

WHEREAS a local government official needs to be authorized to submit the Michigan CDBG application,

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that Kathie Grinzinger, City Manager, is hereby authorized to sign and submit the CDBG grant application documents.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner English to approve the Community Development Plan for Downtown Infrastructure Grant. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Holton and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, to discuss a legal opinion from legal counsel.

AYES: Commissioners English, Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, Rautanen and Tilmann
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
Motion carried.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Joslin had a question and was looking for some clarification about some of the potential cutbacks to save money on Michigan Street Construction project.

Commissioner Holton inquired as to when the “splash pad” is opening. The “splash pad” will open on Friday, May 25, 2012.

WORK SESSION: Proposed Anti-Discrimination Ordinance

Attorney Scott Smith and Assistant City Manager/Director of Administrative & Financial Services Director Ridley led a discussion on the new draft of the proposed Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission recessed at 6:18 p.m. They entered into closed session at 6:25 p.m. and went back into regular session at 7:33 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:34 p.m.

Bruce Kilmer, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk