

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, August 25, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Joslin and Vice Mayor Holton; Commissioners Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Spycher

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger, City Clerk Howard and City Attorney Smith

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Joslin read and presented a Resolution of recognition to Kaye Bouck for her many years of dedication to the Mt. Pleasant Youth Softball program; and Recreation & Sports Director Chris Bundy presented her with a plaque and picture.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees Minutes (July)
2. Charter Township of Union Planning Commission Minutes (July)
3. Street Department and Motor Pool (July)
4. Wastewater Treatment Department (July)
5. City Manager's status report

#### Additions to Agenda

Items 10 a - "Broadway Streetscape project site work" and 10 b "Broadway Streetscape project electrical work" bids and quotations were removed from the agenda.

Item 16 - "Consider closed session" was removed from the agenda.

**Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Spycher to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:**

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held August 11, 2008 and minutes of closed meeting held August 11, 2008.
2. Payrolls dated 08/22/08, check Nos. 2734-2824 and DD2027-2129 and warrants dated; 08/12/08; 8/14/08 and 08/21/08 check numbers 2890-3121, all totaling \$1,390,796.95.

**Motion unanimously adopted.**

A public hearing was held on proposed ordinance to conditionally rezone property abutting 803 Mosher Street from R-3 Single Family Residential to C-3 General Business District with self-imposed conditions.

Shaheen Properties LLC representative Chris Prat provided information on the project. Patty Strong, 906 E. Chippewa St. spoke in favor of the conditional rezoning. There being no further comments or communications, the Mayor closed the hearing. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Spycher, that Ordinance 942 having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published; and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the Conditional Rezoning Agreement. Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on a proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 93, Fire Prevention. City Manager Grinzinger explained the proposed ordinance changes. There being no comments or communications the Mayor closed the hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Ling that Chapter 93, Fire Prevention of the Code of Ordinances be amended as proposed. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to postpone action on the proposed Ordinance to amend Chapter 93, Fire Prevention until further information is obtained.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Spycher  
 NAYS: Commissioner Kilmer  
 ABSENT: None  
 Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Spycher to approve the following Resolution to Amend 2008 Operating Budget.

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10, authorizes the City Commission to amend the annual operating budget by resolution, and

WHEREAS, the 2008 operating budget was originally adopted by resolution on December 17, 2007, and

WHEREAS, the activities of the City since the budget was adopted have been such as to necessitate an amendment to the budget at this time,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following revenue and expenditure appropriations be approved and the 2008 operating budget be amended, effective immediately.

	Fund Balance <u>January 1</u>	2008 <u>Revenue</u>	2008 <u>Expenditures</u>	Fund Balance <u>December 31</u>
<b><u>GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS</u></b>				
<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>				
Unreserved	\$828,793	\$10,247,650		
Legislative Division			642,050	
Finance Division			1,643,060	
Public Safety Division			5,923,650	
Community Services Division			1,711,220	
Public Works Division			592,350	
Total Unreserved	\$828,793	\$10,247,650	\$10,512,330	\$564,113
Reserved	1,013,726	512,450	573,230	952,946
Designated Fund Balance Policy	1,600,000	100,000	0	1,700,000
Designated for Econ Dev Initiatives	1,800,000	0	0	1,800,000
Designated for Future Projects	1,343,177	271,500	793,470	821,207
Total General Fund	\$6,585,696	\$11,131,600	\$11,879,030	\$5,838,266
<b><u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u></b>				
<b><u>MAJOR STREET FUND</u></b>				
Unreserved	\$842,196	\$1,667,480	\$1,698,480	\$811,196
Reserved & Designated	60,149	0	44,750	15,399
Total Major Street Fund	902,345	1,667,480	1,743,230	826,595
<b><u>LOCAL STREET FUND</u></b>				
Unreserved	618,097	955,640	1,117,170	456,567
Reserved & Designated	0	0	0	0
Total Local Street Fund	618,097	955,640	1,117,170	456,567
<b><u>DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT &amp; PARKING FUND</u></b>				
Unreserved	72,509	182,200	193,100	61,609
Reserved & Designated	42,328	0	15,000	27,328
Total Downtown Fund	114,837	182,200	208,100	88,937

<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION FUND</b>				
Unreserved	48,093	71,360	63,070	56,383
Reserved & Designated	531,210	578,600	727,350	382,460
<b>Total Parks &amp; Recreation Fund</b>	<b>579,303</b>	<b>649,960</b>	<b>790,420</b>	<b>438,843</b>
<b>BLOCK GRANT FUND</b>				
Unreserved	191,171	0	50,000	141,171
Reserved	328,050	42,500	50,000	320,550
<b>Total Block Grant Fund</b>	<b>519,221</b>	<b>42,500</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>461,721</b>
Economic Development Loan Fund	279,652	56,700	4,300	332,052
Storm Drain Improvement Fund	169,649	15,200	87,320	97,529
Cemetery Fund	123,320	7,500	0	130,820
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<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>				
<b>Appropriated Budget</b>	<b>\$9,892,120</b>	<b>\$14,708,780</b>	<b>\$15,929,570</b>	<b>\$8,671,330</b>

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following informational summaries be amended for the Capital and Debt Service Funds for the year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008.

<b>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</b>				
Borden Building Debt	\$122,177	\$200,000	\$242,870	\$79,307
Special Assessment Debt Fund	266,761	32,500	46,100	253,161
<b>Total Debt Service Funds</b>				
<b>Informational Summaries</b>	<b>\$388,938</b>	<b>\$232,500</b>	<b>\$288,970</b>	<b>\$332,468</b>

<b>CAPITAL FUNDS</b>				
Borden Building Redevelopment	\$3,099,619	\$950,000	\$3,898,340	\$151,279
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND:</b>				
Reserved	0	0	0	0
Designated	325,000	320,000	100,000	545,000
Unreserved	318,316	492,150	332,600	477,866
<b>Total Capital Improvements Fund</b>	<b>643,316</b>	<b>812,150</b>	<b>432,600</b>	<b>1,022,866</b>
<b>Total Capital Funds</b>				
<b>Informational Summaries</b>	<b>\$3,742,935</b>	<b>\$1,762,150</b>	<b>\$4,330,940</b>	<b>\$1,174,145</b>

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following appropriated budgets for the Fiduciary Funds be amended for the year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008.

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

##### **Component Units**

Building Authority Fund	\$23,520	\$316,300	\$332,750	\$7,070
<b>MISSION STREET DDA FUND</b>				
Designated	151,070	120,100	-203,870	475,040
Unreserved	238,725	312,600	500,690	50,635
<b>Total Mission Street DDA Fund</b>	<b>389,795</b>	<b>432,700</b>	<b>296,820</b>	<b>525,675</b>
<b>TAX INCREMENT FIN AUTH FUND</b>				
Central Business District Reserved	48,541	0	0	48,541
Central Business District Designated	85,440	91,220	-160,390	337,050
Central Business District Undesig	477,291	321,480	713,560	85,211
Ind Park North Designated	0	0	-150,000	150,000
Ind Park North Undesignated	187,501	0	169,280	18,221
Univ Park Designated	0	0	-182,000	182,000
Univ Park Undesignated	169,250	179,760	299,120	49,890
<b>Total TIFA</b>	<b>968,023</b>	<b>592,460</b>	<b>689,570</b>	<b>870,913</b>
Local Dev Finance Authority Fund	57,141	152,000	92,900	116,241
<b>BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FUND</b>				

Brownfield Remediation Designated	37,860	37,940	0	75,800
Brownfield Undesignated	0	3,260	3,260	0
Total Brownfield	37,860	41,200	3,260	75,800
Economic Development Corporation	92,933	16,750	21,500	88,183

**Total Fiduciary Funds**

<b>Appropriated Budget</b>	<b><u>\$1,569,272</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,551,410</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,436,800</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,683,882</u></b>
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FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following informational summaries be amended for the Proprietary Funds for the year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008.

	<u>Working Capital January 1</u>	<u>Sources of Working Capital</u>	<u>Uses of Working Capital</u>	<u>Working Capital December 31</u>
<b><u>PROPRIETARY FUNDS</u></b>				
<b>Enterprise Funds</b>				
Project 2000 Fund	\$534,410	\$29,000	\$233,300	\$330,110
Airport Fund				
Reserved	124,000	46,680	144,680	26,000
Unreserved	114,150	670,000	671,350	112,800
Sewer Fund				
Reserved	1,871,785	360,000	461,400	1,770,385
Unreserved	314,621	2,204,000	2,061,110	457,511
Water Fund				
Reserved	1,749,156	280,000	549,630	1,479,526
Unreserved	483,601	2,794,150	2,898,110	379,641
Solid Waste Fund				
Reserved	318,410	32,300	125,000	225,710
Designated	38,000	0	0	38,000
Unreserved	488,888	531,350	523,190	497,048
<b>Internal Service Funds</b>				
Central Stores Fund	152,670	77,800	51,790	178,680
Motor Pool Fund				
Reserved	134,430	28,000	32,000	130,430
Unreserved	1,128,284	703,010	805,570	1,025,724
Self Insurance Fund Reserved	1,871,211	2,145,000	2,299,000	1,717,211
<b>Total Proprietary Funds</b>				
<b>Informational Summaries</b>	<b><u>\$9,323,616</u></b>	<b><u>\$9,901,290</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,856,130</u></b>	<b><u>\$8,368,776</u></b>

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to confirm vacancy on TIFA/DDA/EDC/BRA due to the expired term of Member Bob Joynt. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer to postpone indefinitely consideration of the resolution authorizing water ordinance ballot proposal.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling and McGuire

NAYS: Commissioners Palmer and Spycher

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Kilmer.

WHEREAS, the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences issued a report in March, 2006 stating that the current Environmental Protection Agency MCL of 4 ppm for fluoride in drinking water is too high and needs to be reassessed, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has failed to publish a new risk assessment and has not responded publicly to the NRC recommendation, and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and the American Dental Association now recommend that parents avoid mixing baby formula with fluoridated water due to the risk of overexposure in infants, and

WHEREAS, the CDC concluded in 2005 that more than 32% of American children currently show signs of at least mild dental fluorosis due to overexposure to fluoride,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mt. Pleasant temporarily reduce the level of fluoride to .7 ppm (the low end of the recommended range and consistent with what Canada's Ministry of Health plans to do); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission establish a task force consisting of commissioners, experts in fields related to fluoride and interested citizens to analyze the latest research and examine the safety, effectiveness, legality and ethics of continuing to fluoridate municipal water and make a recommendation to the City Commission no later than December, 2009. Discussion ensued.

The following substitute resolution was offered by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Palmer. Consensus was reached to consider the substitute motion.

WHEREAS, the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences issued a report in March, 2006 stating that the current Environmental Protection Agency MCL of 4 ppm for fluoride in drinking water is too high and needs to be reassessed, and

WHEREAS, the EPA has failed to publish a new risk assessment and has not responded publicly to the NRC recommendation, and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and the American Dental Association now recommend that parents avoid mixing baby formula with fluoridated water due to the risk of overexposure in infants, and

WHEREAS, the CDC concluded in 2005 that more than 32% of American children currently show signs of at least mild dental fluorosis due to overexposure to fluoride,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Mt. Pleasant remove fluoride to naturally occurring .4 ppm, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Commission establish a task force consisting of commissioners, experts in fields related to fluoride and interested citizens to analyze the latest research and examine the safety, effectiveness, legality and ethics of

continuing to fluoridate municipal water and make a recommendation to the City Commission no later than 90 days after EPA report date. Discussion ensued.

AYES: Commissioners Holton and Palmer  
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Spycher  
ABSENT: None  
Motion failed.

The Commission acted on original Resolution of Commissioner Ling.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Spycher  
NAYS: Commissioner Palmer  
ABSENT: None  
Resolution adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Palmer to reconsider indefinite postponement of the resolution authorizing water ordinance ballot proposal.

AYES: Commissioners McGuire, Palmer and Spycher  
NAYS: Commissioner Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, and Ling  
ABSENT: None  
Motion failed.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer to approve the Michigan Main Street Program Agreement with the State of Michigan and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document on behalf of the City.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire and Spycher  
NAYS: Commissioner Palmer  
ABSENT: None  
Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Spycher to accept terms of a temporary easement from Central Michigan University and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the document on behalf of the City. Motion unanimously adopted.

#### Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

City Manager Grinzinger announced that Main Street will be closed on Tuesday, August 26, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Mayor Joslin announced Mardi Gras September 26, 2008 and welcomed CMU students.

The Commission recessed at 8:18 and entered into a work session at 8:25 p.m.

#### WORK SESSION

Public Works Director Duane Ellis gave an introduction and background information on traffic and transportation planning.

MDOT Transportation Service Center staff, Jack Hofweber and Terry Palmer presented information regarding Street Boulevard Plan.

Moved by Vice Mayor Holton and supported by Commissioner Kilmer that the meeting adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.