

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 24, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

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

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

Commissioners Absent: Mayor Joslin and Commissioner Kilmer

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger, Deputy City Clerk Ridley and City Attorney Smith

The Planning Commission presented Community Improvement Awards for the 2005 and 2006 years as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
Residential	1414 E. Broadway Extensive/complete renovation and addition	Eric Curtiss
Residential	1010 E. High Extensive renovation and addition	Michael & Denise Stockton
Residential	812 Crescent Extensive renovation including facade	Daniel & Lora Odykirk
Commercial	139 E. Broadway Facade renovation	Isabella Bank & Trust
Commercial	1218 S. Mission Complete interior and exterior renovation	Scheppe Pie Shops

Vice Mayor Holton proclaimed April 2008 as "Autism Awareness Month" and presented the proclamation to Sherrie Sponseller and Jennifer Richardson.

Vice Mayor Holton proclaimed April 2008 as "Homeownership Month" and presented the proclamation to Tony Kulick.

Vice Mayor Holton proclaimed April 11, 2008 as "Take Back The Night" event.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Resignation of Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Board member Susan Pyecroft.
2. Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees Minutes (February).
3. Charter Township of Union Planning Commission Minutes (February).
4. Planning Commission Minutes (February).
5. Street Department and Motor Pool (February).
6. Wastewater Treatment Department (February).

Moved Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Spycher to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 10, 2008 and the special meeting held March 13, 2008.
2. Exercise option to extend contract with Downtown Enterprises of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for 2008 to provide groundskeeping and landscaping services in the Central Business District in the amount of \$22,900.
3. Exercise option to extend contract with Advanced Underground Inspection of Westland, Michigan for the completion of this year's manhole rehabilitation project in the amount of \$100,000.

4. Bid of Central Asphalt Company of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$38,200 to provide patching materials to be used during the 2008 construction year.
5. Bid of S & S Directional Boring of Bryan, Ohio in the amount of \$159,860 to complete the 2008 Water Main Improvement project.
6. Authorize the Fire Department to negotiate sale for the 1998 fire truck with final terms and conditions to be approved by the City Manager.
7. Payrolls dated 03/21/08, DD634-DD739 and warrants dated 03/19/08, check numbers 1000-1189, all totaling \$1,432,591.84.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Commissioner Ling to accept the bid of United Survey of Oakwood Village, Ohio in the amount of \$117,740 to complete the 2008 Sanitary Sewer Relining project. Motion unanimously adopted.

The following Resolution No. 1 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 1-09 was offered by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Spycher as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to provisions of the City Charter of the City of Mt. Pleasant; Chapter 33: TAXATION, Section 33.17 "Authority to Assess", of the Code of Ordinances, and Public Act 120 of 1961 "Redevelopment of Shopping Areas", the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant may commence proceedings to provide funding for the operations of the Principal Shopping District within the City and determine the tentative necessity thereof,

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission has tentatively deemed it to be in the public's interest, health and welfare to provide funding for the operations of the Principal Shopping District in the City, Special Assessment District No. 1-09

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The City Manager is directed to cause to be prepared a report which shall include all analysis and information required by Section 33.20 "Survey and Report", of the Code of Ordinances,
2. When the aforesaid report is completed, the City Manager shall file the same with the City Clerk for presentation to the Commission.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are and the same hereby are rescinded.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

The following Resolution No. 2 for proposed Special Assessment District No. 1-09 was offered by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Palmer as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Manager has prepared a report concerning funding for the Principal Shopping District in Special Assessment District No. 1-09, which includes all of the information to be included by Section 33.20 "Survey and Report" of the City's Code of Ordinances;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed said report;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mt. Pleasant determines that it is tentatively necessary to provide funding for the Principal Shopping District in the City of Mt. Pleasant more particularly hereinafter described in this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

1. The City Commission hereby tentatively determines that providing funding for the Principal Shopping District described more particularly hereinafter provided for are necessary.

2. The total funding for the Principal Shopping District for the next three years (2009, 2010 and 2011) is estimated to be \$573,300. \$258,000 shall be spread over the special assessment district as hereinafter described as a result of benefits to be received by the affected properties in the special assessment district. \$315,300 shall be paid by the City-at-large.

3. Said special assessment district shall consist of all the lots and parcels of land as follows: all lots in the Principal Shopping District as established by the City Commission at the February 24, 2003 meeting and amended at the November 14, 2005 meeting.

4. The duration of the special assessment shall be three years.

5. The affected properties in the special assessment district shall be assessed in accordance with the relative portion of the sum to be levied in the district, as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all parcels.

6. The aforesaid report shall be placed on file in the office of the City Clerk where the same shall be available for public examination.

7. The City Commission shall meet on April 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 401 N. Main Street, for the purpose of hearing objections to providing funding to the "Principal Shopping District".

8. The City Clerk is hereby directed to cause notice of said hearing to be published and mailed in accordance with applicable statutory and ordinance provisions.

9. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Palmer to receive and approve updated recommendation from TIFA Board regarding Chippewa River District Library millage capture request to exempt only the debt portion of the millage and consent to the necessary agreements to implement said recommendation. Motion unanimously adopted.

The following Resolution to amend the composition of the Downtown Development Board was offered by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Commissioner Palmer as follows:

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has provided for the creation of Principal Shopping Districts; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Mt. Pleasant City Commission created the Mt. Pleasant Principal Shopping District Board, now called the Downtown Development Board (DDB); and

WHEREAS, a seven-member Downtown Development Board will satisfy the City Charter and Act 120 (1961) requirements and create a more effective and efficient board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Mt. Pleasant City Commission hereby affirms seven seats eligible for appointment to the Downtown Development Board; and

FURTHER, the composition of the Downtown Development Board is amended as follows:

- one (1) member of the board of the principal shopping district shall be from the adjacent residential area
- one (1) member shall be a representative of the local governmental unit
- five (5) members shall be nominees of individual businesses located within the principal shopping district; and

FURTHER, the members shall be appointed to the board by the Chief Executive Officer with concurrence of the legislative body for four-year terms, except the City representative whose appointment will be to one-year terms, and except that the initial appointments of the remaining six members shall be two members for one year, two members for two years, and two members for three years.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Palmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to support the application of Greentree Cooperative for a new Specially Designated Merchant (SDM) license at 214 North Franklin St. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Spycher to approve submission of all City requests without any prioritization for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations. Motion unanimously adopted.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Ling had an opportunity to be a community reader at Mary McGuire and complimented the children on their attentiveness.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

David Horton, 4600 Collegiate Way, spoke regarding concerns about denial of Todbl's Party Store.

The City Commission recessed at 7:27 p.m. and entered into a work session at 7:32 p.m.

WORK SESSION

Community Services/Economic Development Director Rich Morrison made presentation of Owner-Occupied Residential Incentive Program.

Community Services/Economic Development Director Rich Morrison presented feedback on Economic Development Blueprint.

Moved by Commissioner Spycher and supported by Commissioner Ling that the meeting adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Jim Holton, Vice Mayor

Nancy Ridley, Deputy City Clerk