

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, May 11, 2009 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 Joslin, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

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

#### Proclamations and Presentations

Mayor Holton proclaimed May 17-23, 2009 "Public Works Week" and presented the proclamation to Public Works Director Duane Ellis.

Lisa Hadden, Chamber of Commerce President, presented an update on Le Tour de Mount Pleasant.

#### Additions to Agenda

Commissioner McGuire added agenda item #17 "Mini-Stimulus" to the agenda.

Mayor Holton placed item #8 "Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held April 27, 2009 and of the closed session held April 27, 2009" on the Consent Calendar.

#### Public Input on Agenda Items

Christine Roberts, 200 E. Bennett, spoke against the spray park location and concerns about the Oak Street Bridge.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes (March)
2. Correspondence from Mr. Will Calhoun and petitioners in support of local efforts to establish non-discrimination policies.
3. Investment Report (First Quarter)
4. Water Activity Report (April)

Commissioner McGuire removed item 10a. "Airport Landscaping" from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held April 22, 2009.
2. Minutes of the regular meeting and the closed meeting of the City Commission held April 27, 2009.
3. Payrolls dated 05/01/09 and warrants dated 04/24/09 thru 05/07/09 all totaling \$770,741.60.

**Motion unanimously adopted.**

A public hearing was held on proposed text changes to City Ordinance §96.05, "Noxious Weeds; Removal". There being no public comments or communications Mayor Holton closed the public hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Tilmann that Ordinance No. 948, an ordinance to amend §96.05, "Noxious Weeds; Removal" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mt. Pleasant having been introduced and read, now be passed, ordained and ordered published.

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

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner McGuire to postpone action on the Airport Landscaping bid until the Airport Advisory Board can look at the bids and discuss them at their next meeting on Thursday, May 14, 2009 and then give a recommendation to the City Commission. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Palmer to accept the bid of Miracle Recreation of Michigan of Okemos, Michigan in the amount of \$195,000 for the design and installation of a spray park located in Island Park.

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

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to have Interim Parks and Recreation Director Chris Bundy negotiate with Miracle Recreation of Michigan to get adjusted bid information to move the spray park to Horizon Park and bring back information to City Commission.

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

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the appointment of Sharyl Majorski, Caroline Carr, W. Larry Collins and Jeanne Pfeiffer to the Fluoride Task Force. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to receive report from Spicer Group on Oak Street Bridge and authorize the Spicer Group to move ahead with preparation of bids and specifications to rehabilitate the existing bridge for pedestrian and one-way vehicular traffic.

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

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to authorize a temporary structural repair of the Oak Street Bridge not to exceed \$7500 in order to reopen the bridge for use in the short term.

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

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to bid a new pedestrian bridge that could accept exit of vehicles and removal of old bridge.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Palmer

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to approve request from Mt. Pleasant Summer Festival for four One-Day Liquor Licenses (June 25, 26, 27 and 28) and two Fireworks Display Permits (June 26 and 27). Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve amended One-Day Liquor License Policy. (City Commission Exhibit 2-2009)

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kilmer, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioner Holton and Ling

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tilmann and supported by Commissioner Ling to enter into closed session pursuant to Subsection 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for a discussion of strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

AYES: Commissioners Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Joslin

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Palmer to revise the mini-stimulus resolution to remove \$50,000 allocated for the Main Street Downtown/Campus Corridor design. Discussion ensued.

AYES: Commissioners Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioner Holton

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Tilmann thanked the Commission for support of Public Works Week and thanks Public Works for what they do.

Vice Mayor Kilmer voiced his concerns with loss of revenue sharing and the effect the millage reduction will have on the budget in relation to that.

Commissioner Ling congratulated Ralph Muniz on his retirement from the City and his years of service.

Mayor Holton announced that the City received the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation and Michigan Municipal League Regional Four Award of Excellence for the Borden Building rehabilitation projects.

Commissioner Tilmann announced that the Isabella County Council of Governments is meeting on May 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Commission on Aging regarding services provided by the Commission on Aging.

The Commission recessed at 8:37 p.m. and went back into session at 8:43 p.m.

Work Session - Introduction of 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan

City Manager Grinzinger and Assistant Manager/Finance Director Ridley presented PowerPoint presentation on 2010-2014 Capital Improvement Plan. Discussion ensued.

The City Commission entered into closed session at 9:15p.m. and went back into open session at 9:41 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.

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James Holton, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk