

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, April 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; Commissioners Joslin, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: Vice Mayor Kilmer (excused)

Others Present: City Manager Grinzinger and City Clerk Howard

Proclamations and Presentations

Dr. Martin Spartz gave a presentation on Prism Analytical Technologies, Inc. as a graduating business of the CMU Research Corporation.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. 2010 Downtown Mt. Pleasant Calendar of Events
2. Capital Projects Status Report (April)
3. First Quarter Investment Report
4. 2009 Comprehensive Annual Audit Report
5. 2009 Department of Public Safety Annual Report
6. Mid Michigan Area Cable Consortium 2009 Annual Report

Removed item #12 " Consider extension of the land lease with Pohlcat at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport" from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the work session and regular meeting of the City Commission held April 12, 2010.
2. Bid of Prien and Newhof of Grand Rapids, Michigan in an amount not to exceed \$22,479 to conduct a best practices review of the City's Engineering Department.
3. Grading Easement at the southeast corner of Isabella and River Roads as requested by the Isabella County Road Commission.
4. One-Day Liquor License to St. Henry/St. Charles Catholic Parish on May 1, 2010 at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall.
5. Payrolls dated 4/16/10 and warrants dated 4/13/10; 4/14/10 and 4/22/10 all totaling \$807,833.09.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Mayor Holton recused himself from the public hearing and consideration of approval of resolution creating an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement District as requested by P&A Development, LLC due to a conflict of interest.

Since Vice Mayor Kilmer is absent and Mayor Holton has recused himself from discussions, City Clerk Howard opened nominations for a temporary Chairperson.

Commissioner McGuire nominated Commissioner Palmer for temporary Chairperson. Nominations were closed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Holton (recused) and Kilmer

Commissioner Palmer was selected temporary Chairperson of the meeting.

A public hearing was held on the request of P&A Development, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement District at 560-614 West Pickard Street. MMDC

President/CEO Brian Anderson spoke in favor of the Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement District. There being no additional comments or communications the Chairperson closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to postpone action on request of P&A Development, LLC for an Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement District at 560-614 West Pickard Street until the next City Commission meeting to obtain additional information from staff on existing abatements.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Holton (recused) and Kilmer

Motion carried.

Mayor Holton returned to his position at the dais.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner McGuire to approve a one-year extension of the Land Lease with Pohlcatt at the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Airport. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner McGuire to adopt the following Uniform Blanket Resolution For Purchase of Additional Service Credit Under Section 7 of the Municipal Employee's Retirement System Plan Document.

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant desires to make available to eligible Professional, Administrative, Confidential and Technical Employees (PACT), the ability to purchase additional service credit provided under Section 7 of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan Plan Document as in effect on the date of this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has adopted a benefits and personnel policy for PACT employees that allows the purchase of generic service through MERS, and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall confirm the City's benefit policy providing for uniform applicability of the terms of Section 7 for eligible MERS employees, and

WHEREAS, under the terms of Section 7, whose terms are incorporated by reference, each eligible MERS employee shall be authorized to purchase, and be credited, with not more than five (5) years' generic (universal) service on the following terms and conditions:

- a. Application is made in writing;
- b. All provisions of Section 7 are met as of the date of the application;
- c. The employee and/or the City pays the full actuarial cost of the credit to be purchased.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Palmer to postpone action on recommendation of the Revolving Loan Fund Board on a request from Sunny Meisel owner of Total Eclipse Design (110 East Broadway) for a Working Capital/façade Improvement Loan in order to obtain better information on the criteria used for loans.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Joslin

ABSENT: Commissioner Kilmer

Motion carried.

Announcements on City Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann would like to see a program evaluation done on TIFA and DDA Districts. Can we contact CMU to utilize some students to do further research on this topic?

Commissioner Joslin announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals is hearing a case to raise occupancy above set standard. He would like the Commission to look at having a discussion on the ordinance regarding occupancy. Mayor will consult with Planning Chairman and attorney on the issue.

Commissioner Ling attended the Discovery Museum group open house and commends them on what they have accomplished so far. She would like to see them come and give a presentation to the Commission at a future meeting.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:49 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk