

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, February 8, 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 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

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Memo from Duane Ellis regarding design of Michigan Street
2. Correspondence from J. David Kerr regarding rental housing
3. Wastewater Activity Report (December)

Commissioner Palmer requested a discussion on rental housing licensing at a later date.

Item 6 "Consider transfer of Economic Development Funds" was removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 25, 2010.
2. Bid of Mid-Michigan Industries of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan for custodial services at the following rate:
March 1 to December 31, 2010 (partial year) \$48,050
January 1 to December 31, 2011 \$57,660
January 1 to December 31, 2012 \$58,836
and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk sign contract for services.
3. Bid of Argus Group of New Baltimore, Michigan in the amount of \$14,760 for the purchase of two thermal imaging cameras.
4. Resolution amending the University Park TIFA and LDFA 2010 operating budgets as follows:
WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 10 authorizes the City Commission to amend the annual operating budget by resolution, and
WHEREAS, the informational summary budget adopted December 14, 2009 for the University Park TIFA and University Park LDFA do not include changes made by the respective appointed boards,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the informational summary budgets for these funds be amended for the year beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010 to increase University Park TIFA working capital uses by \$67,300 and to increase University Park LDFA working capital uses by \$26,280.
5. Payrolls dated 2/5/10 and warrants dated 1/21/10 and 2/4/10 all totaling \$544,293.75.

Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Vice Mayor Kilmer to transfer \$400,000 from the City's Economic Development Fund to the Mission Street DDA for the following purposes:

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| Large project façade/site enhancement low interest loans: | \$250,000 |
| Start Up Business zero and low interest loans: | \$ 50,000 |
| Zero Interest Loan for distressed Mission properties: | \$100,000 |

with the stipulation that in the event that requests for utilization of these funds are not approved by the DDA within one year, the DDA will return the funds to the City's Economic Development Fund.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to postpone action on portion of funding, \$100,000, for the zero interest loan for distressed Mission properties until staff can create some criteria/conditions. The motion to amend was unanimously approved.

The Commission considered the original motion with amendment.

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

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to approve the reallocation of funds in the 2010 Mission/Pickard DDA budget previously reserved for enhancement grant support to support improved traffic and pedestrian safety along Mission Street. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Joslin to set a work session for February 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. starting at the intersection of Illinois and Main Street, for the Main Street/Campus Connector. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner McGuire and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to approve a closed session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to consider a periodic personnel evaluation of a City employee as requested by that employee.

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

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Tilmann announced that the Isabella County Council of Governments will be meeting Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Commissioner Joslin requested a presentation by Michelle Sponseller on Benefits of 3/50 project.

Commissioner McGuire asked that 3/50 project presentation be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. before the start of a regularly scheduled meeting.

The City Commission recessed at 7:43 p.m. and entered into closed session at 7:50 p.m. The Commission went back into regular session at 9:58 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk