

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, January 4, 2010, at 8:00 p.m., in the City Commission Room.

City Clerk Howard called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Howard administered the Oath of Office to Jon Joslin, Bruce Kilmer and David McGuire for the term January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.

Commissioners Present: Holton, Joslin, Kilmer, Ling, McGuire, Palmer and Tilmann

Commissioners Absent: None

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

Commissioner Kilmer nominated Commissioner Holton for Mayor. Nominations were closed.

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

Commissioner Holton was elected Mayor for 2010.

Commissioner Holton nominated Commissioner Kilmer for Vice Mayor. Nominations were closed.

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

Commissioner Kilmer was elected Vice Mayor for 2010.

Mayor Holton conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner Ling to adopt the following resolution setting time and day of regular meetings:

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires the City Commission to set the day, time and place of its regular meetings,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Commission shall meet during 2010 on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room, City Hall, 320 W. Broadway Street starting with the second meeting in January being held Monday, January 25, 2010.  
Resolution unanimously adopted.

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Minutes of the Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission (November)

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting held December 14, 2009.
2. The following appointments of City employees to various ad hoc boards and committees were made as follows:  
911/Central Dispatch Governing Board  
Director Anthony Gomez-Mesquita

MML Legislative Coordinator  
City Manager Kathie Grinzinger  
MRF Governing Board  
Director Duane Ellis

3. State of Michigan Resolution recognizing the Mt. Pleasant Athletic Sports Boosters as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License.

**Motion unanimously adopted.**

Commissioner Joslin recused himself from the following public hearing and resolution due to a conflict of interest.

A public hearing was held on request for Community Block Development Grant application for façade improvement funds for Midori Sushi and Martini Lounge. Richard Swindlehurst, 110 W. Michigan, spoke in support of the approval of the Community Block Development Grant application. There being no other public comment or communications Mayor Holton closed the hearing.

Moved by Vice Mayor Kilmer and supported by Commissioner McGuire to adopt the following resolution in support of Midori Sushi and Martini Lounge's application for Community Block Development Grant for façade improvement funds:

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant has received notification from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) of the award of a Community Development Block Grant for a project in the city. This project is for the improvement of the façade for Midori Sushi Restaurant and Martini Lounge, located at 105 E. Broadway, Mt. Pleasant, which has a project cost of \$145,500, and

WHEREAS, The MEDC is authorizing CBDG grant money to be applied to this project in the amount of \$42,750. The Midori Sushi Restaurant and Martini Lounge will provide a matching amount of \$102,750 to complete the funding of this project, and

WHEREAS, A local community development plan has been documented in the application for these CBDG funds, and the proposed project is consistent with the overall development plan for the City of Mt. Pleasant, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant has a community low / moderate income population of 58.6 percent, and the project area has a low / moderate income percentage of 63.4, and

WHEREAS, The City of Mt. Pleasant commits to not expending any CBDG funds or non-CBDG funds on this project prior to formal grant award and receipt of written authorization to incur costs is received from the MEDC, and

WHEREAS, The request for an exception must be publicly disclosed and the MEDC recommends that the recipient disclose the Conflict of Interest at a public meeting and include the disclosure on the agenda for the meeting and the discussion of Conflict of Interest in the minutes of the meeting. These MEDC recommendations have been met, and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Pleasant City Commission authorizes city staff to submit the necessary documentation to complete the Michigan CBDG application for this project, and

WHEREAS, The City Manager, Kathie Grinzinger, is hereby authorized to sign the required application forms in order to compete this grant acceptance,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mt. Pleasant City Commission accepts the CDBG grant amount and authorizes city staff to proceed as necessary to complete the conflict of interest exemption and the documentation for this façade improvement project.

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

NAYS: Commissioner Palmer

ABSTAINED: Commissioner Joslin

ABSENT: None

Resolution adopted.

Mayor Holton made the following Committee appointments for 2010:

Appointments Committee

Commissioner Joslin

Commissioner Kilmer

Commissioner McGuire

Audit Committee

Commissioner Ling

Commissioner McGuire

Charter Committee

Commissioner Kilmer

Commissioner Ling

Commissioner Palmer

City-CMU Student Liaison Committee

Commissioner Tilmann

Commissioner Joslin

Council of Governments

Commissioner Tilmann

Intergovernmental Liaison Committee

Mayor Holton

Vice Mayor Kilmer

MRF Governing Board

Mayor Holton

Neighborhood Committee

Commissioner Ling

Commissioner McGuire

Mt. Pleasant Diversity Council

Commissioner Tilmann

Downtown Development Board

Commissioner Joslin

Property Committee

Commissioner Joslin

Commissioner Ling

Commissioner McGuire

Open Space & Farmland

Preservation Committee

Commissioner Tilmann

Fluoride Committee

Commissioner Ling

Parking Committee

Commissioner Kilmer

Commissioner McGuire

Director Anthony Gomez-Mesquita

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Commissioner Palmer to receive and support the recommendation from Downtown Development Board for withdrawal from the Michigan Main Street Program. Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Tilmann to postpone action on Downtown Development Boards' recommendation for withdrawal from the Michigan Main Street Program until a meeting with the Downtown Development Board can be held.

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 Ling to enter into closed session pursuant to subsection 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act, to consult with attorney regarding strategy in connection with specific pending litigation.

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

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

Commissioner Joslin congratulated Mayor Holton on being elected Mayor for 2<sup>nd</sup> year and would like to see him go to Lansing frequently to fight for our fair share of fire funding and revenue sharing.

Commissioner Ling offered her congratulations to the County for successful sesquicentennial year and ball. She also congratulated the City Police for solving the recent home invasion cases.

#### Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

David Veselenak introduced himself as the new CMU Life reporter.

The City Commission recessed at 8:49 p.m. and went into a closed session at 8:56 p.m. A separate set of minutes was taken for the closed session. The Commission went back into open session at 9:55 p.m.

Mayor Holton adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

James Holton, Mayor

Jeremy Howard, City Clerk