

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

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

Commissioners Present: Mayor Tilmann and Vice Mayor Holton; Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen and Sous

Commissioners Absent: None

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

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (August)

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held September 8, 2014.
2. Minutes of the joint meeting of the Planning Commission and City Commission held September 4, 2014.
3. Award the contract for 2014 Leaf Hauling to R&T Murphy Trucking, LLC of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan at a cost of \$107.45 per hour, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$20,000. City of Mt. Pleasant Street Superintendent Bob Murphy is a co-owner with a financial interest in R&T Murphy Trucking. No City staff and/or resources/facilities will be used in fulfilling the contract terms.
4. Award the contract for the design build bid of the Nelson Park footbridge to Denali Construction of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in an amount not-to-exceed \$37,000. The project will be funded by the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club, Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation grant and the City.
5. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an addendum to the existing contract for farming of a portion of Mt. Pleasant Center land with Mr. Robert Ervin for an additional five years as drafted by the City Attorney.
6. Receive proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 110, General Licensing, Sections 110.27 and 110.28, of the Mount Pleasant City Code to Regulate Vendors and Mobile Food Service Providers and set a public hearing for Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
7. Receive recommendation from Planning Commission on conditional rezoning of property located at 1040 East Broomfield Road and set a public hearing for Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on same.
8. Approve State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution. CC Exh. 9-2014
9. Payrolls dated September 12, 2014 and warrants dated September 10, 11 and 18, 2014 all totaling \$956,328.53.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on request to vacate Illinois Street west of Greenfield Drive. Carl Lee, 1316 Illinois Ct., spoke in opposition to the vacation. Adam Palmer, 302 Greenfield Dr., and Janice Huffman, on behalf of the Charles & Norma Brien Trust, 210 Greenfield Dr., spoke in favor of the vacation.

There being no additional comments or communications the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to deny the request to vacate Illinois Street west of Greenfield Drive.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Sous and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to postpone action on the request to vacate Illinois Street west of Greenfield Drive until the October 13, 2014 City Commission meeting.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann  
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin  
ABSENT: None  
Motion carried.

A public hearing was held on the recommended Master Plan. Pam Sruofe, 1033 S. Fancher St.; Susan Horgan, 1010 S. Kinney Ave.; Samuel Raisanen, 507 S. University Ave.; John Nelson, 803 S. University Ave.; Lara Raisanen, 507 S. University Ave.; Edward Clayton, 302 E. High St.; and Eric Chercover, 381 E. Cherry St., spoke in regards to concerns with protecting owner-occupied residential neighborhoods. There being no additional comments or communications the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Ling and supported by Commissioner Sous to reject the Master Plan as presented and refer it back to the Planning Commission to reconsider the section on neighborhoods. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Holton to ask the Planning Commission to review the Master Plan regarding Broomfield east of Mission and Pickard west of Main Street. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Rautanen to approve Resolutions 3 and 4 to proceed with the Special Assessment and set public hearing for October 3, 2014, regarding Principal Shopping District Special Assessment District No. 1-15.

Resolution No. 3  
Principal Shopping District 1-15

WHEREAS, the City Commission, after due and legal notice, has met and heard all interested persons to be affected by the proposed funding for the operations of the Principal Shopping District hereinafter described;

AND, WHEREAS, the City Commission deems it advisable and necessary to proceed with Special Assessment No. 1-15.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Commission hereby determines to provide funding for the Principal Shopping District, in the City, Special Assessment District No. 1-15.
2. The plans, profiles and specifications previously prepared by the City Manager are hereby approved.
3. The Commission hereby approves the detailed estimates of the special assessment district's cost to be up to \$237,800 per year. \$100,000 shall be spread over the special assessment district per year as hereinafter described as a result of benefits to be received by the affected properties in the special assessment district. Up to \$137,800 will be paid per year by the City-at-large.
4. The City Assessor is directed to prepare a special assessment roll in accordance with the Commission's determination.
5. When the Assessor has completed the assessment roll he shall file the roll with the City Clerk for presentation to the Commission.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this resolution are and the same hereby are rescinded.

Resolution No. 4  
Principal Shopping District 1-15

WHEREAS, the Assessor has prepared a special assessment roll for Special Assessment District No. 1-15 to special assess to provide funding for the operations of the Principal Shopping District, and the same has been presented to the City Commission by the City Clerk.

WHEREAS, the district is described as 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Said special assessment roll is accepted and will be on file in the office of the City Clerk for public examination.
2. The City Commission shall meet at City Hall, 320 W. Broadway Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., Daylight Savings Time, on October 13, 2014, to hear all persons interested in reviewing the special assessment roll, and shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard, and the City Clerk is directed to publish and mail, in accordance with applicable statutory and ordinance provisions, the notice of hearing.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Commissioner Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Tilmann

NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Joslin

ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Received Commissioners' top rankings for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations. The City Manager will forward the rankings to the Tribe.

Announcements on City-Related Issues and Concerns

Commissioner Kulick commented that the mums in the planters downtown look very nice and encourages public to check them out; he announced that Vice Mayor Holton's black and tan coon hound (Merlin) is missing; and he encouraged the public to go to the Planning Commission public hearings to express concerns on issues.

Commissioner Rautanen encouraged residents to keep their toilet seats down due to possible air bubbles while company is out marking and surveying sewers.

Mayor Tilmann commented that the water in the "old north end" of the City is still hazy and milky looking. She also announced that Isabella County employee, Christy Cotter, is retiring and there will be a reception on Friday, September 26 in her honor from 2 until 4 p.m.

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

Kathy Tilmann, 417 N. Franklin, would like City/CMU to help enforce City rules regarding felonious behavior.

Lara Raisanen, 507 S. University, reminded the public of the upcoming election and the League of Women Voters Candidate Forums being held at the Mt. Pleasant City Hall:

Thursday, October 9

6:30 p.m. - State Representative Candidates Mielke and Cotter; and

7:30 p.m. - County Commissioner District 3 Candidates Riley and Jalosznsky and District 4 Candidates Horton and Barker

Thursday, October 16

6:30 p.m. - State Senate Candidates Emmons and Sprague; and

7:30 p.m. - Meet and Greet, School Board and City Commission Candidates

The Mayor adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:38 p.m.

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Sharon Tilmann, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk