

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held Monday, March 23, 2015, 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 Rautanen; Commissioners Joslin, Kulick, Ling, Sous and Verleger

Commissioners Absent: None

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

### Proclamations and Presentations

Speaker of the House, Kevin Cotter gave a presentation on road funding and Proposal 1.

Discussion ensued.

Cultural and Recreation Commission Chairperson Chris Walton and City Representative Robert Madsen gave a presentation on the upcoming renewal of the CRC Interlocal Agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Holton read a proclamation recognizing the City's appreciation of the silk wall hanging gift commemorating 50 years of our sister city relationship with Okaya, Japan.

City Manager Ridley introduced newly promoted Fire Chief Rick Beltinck and Finance Director Mary Ann Kornexl.

### Public Input on Agenda Items

Steve Martineau, 500 Kane St., spoke in support of the upcoming renewal of the CRC Interlocal Agreement.

### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Airport Advisory Board Minutes (February)
2. Communication from Michael Hyde regarding conditional rezoning request for 215 E. Locust St.
3. Communication from City resident Clyde Lawrence regarding mailbox damage.
4. Communication from Downtown Development Director Michelle Sponseller regarding CGS Hospitality redevelopment liquor license update.

Item numbers 14 "Consider designation of official city representatives for delegation visit to Okaya, Japan." and 11g "Bids and Quotations - Motorcycle and BAYANET Radios" were removed from the Consent Calendar.

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

1. Minutes of the regular meeting of the City Commission held March 9, 2015.
2. Bid of Wolverine Sealcoating and Asphalt of Jackson, Michigan in an amount not-to-exceed \$31,350 for the 2015 Crack Sealing project.
3. Bid of Central Asphalt, Inc. of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in an amount not-to-exceed \$232,188 for the 2015 Street Overlay project.
4. Bid of McGuirk Sand-Gravel of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$434,764 for the 2015 Local Streets Reconstruction project.

5. Bid of Advanced Underground, Inc. of Westland, Michigan in the amount of \$100,000 for the 2015 Manhole Rehabilitation project.
6. Bid of Green Scene Landscaping of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$17,800 for the 2015 Grounds Mowing project.
7. Bid of Spicer Group, Inc. of Saginaw, Michigan in the amount of \$19,200 for construction engineering services for the Broadway Street Riverbank/Mill Pond Weirs project.
8. Bid of ProComm of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan in the amount of \$13,242 for the upfitting costs for the newly purchased police interceptor utility vehicle.
9. Authorize the Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Manager to open discussions for potential airport partners.
10. Corrected Resolution accepting Olympic Drive into the local street inventory for the City of Mt. Pleasant as follows:

WHEREAS: the City of Mt. Pleasant did acquire land for street right-of-way for street purposes in 2014, and the street was constructed in 2014, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary to furnish certain information to the State of Michigan to place this street within the City of Mt. Pleasant street system for the purpose of obtaining funds under Act 51, P.A. 1951 as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. That said street is to be named **Olympic Drive**.
2. That the legal description of said street is described as:  
AN EASEMENT DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MISSION STREET, WHICH IS 726 FEET NORTH, AND 33 FEET WEST OF THE SE CORNER OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 22, CITY OF MT. PLEASANT, ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN; THENCE WEST, 425 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 33.18 FEET; THENCE NW'LY, ALONG THE EASTERLY CURB LINE OF EAST CAMPUS DRIVE, 119.92 FEET; THENCE EAST 406.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 12.00 FEET; THENCE EAST 105.39 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF MISSION STREET; THENCE SOUTH, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, 62.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

That the center line of Olympic Drive is described as follows:

COMMENCING AT THE NE1/4 OF SAID SECTION 22 THENCE 764.31 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WEST 83.48 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIOUS OF 60.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 30.24 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 75°33'33" WEST, 29.93 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 61°07'06" WEST 0.81 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE RIGHT HAVING A RADIUS OF 60.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 30.24 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 75°33'33" WEST, 29.93 FEET; THENCE WEST 322.58 FEET; THENCE ALONG A CURVE TO THE LEFT HAVING A RADIOUS OF 40.00 FEET, AN ARC LENGTH OF 31.91 FEET AND A CHORD BEARING AND DISTANCE OF SOUTH 67°08'55" WEST, 31.07 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 44°17'50" WEST, 19.02 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.

3. That said street is located within a City of Mt. Pleasant right-of-way and is under the control of the City of Mt. Pleasant.
4. That said street is a public street and is for public street purposes.
5. That said street is accepted into the City of Mt. Pleasant Local Street system and was open to the public October 10th, 2014.
11. Resolution recognizing Prostate Cancer Understanding Prevention & Screenings (PCUPS) as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
12. Authorize the Mayor to sign the 2015-2019 Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission Environmental Review for submission.
13. Receive Brownfield Authority recommendation on Brownfield Plan Amendment for 715 Edgewood and set a public hearing for Monday, April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on same.

14. Changes in staff appointments to City Boards and Commissions as follows:

Building Authority

Finance Director/Treasurer Mary Ann Kornexl

Center for Applied Research Technology/

Local Development Finance Authority

Finance Director/Treasurer Mary Ann Kornexl (alternate)

Tax Increment Finance Authority/

Downtown Development Authority

Finance Director/Treasurer Mary Ann Kornexl (alternate)

15. Resolution for Signature Authority to execute related agreements of the MSHDA Rental Rehabilitation Program.

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) Rental Rehabilitation Program is to aid in creating and/or rehabilitating residential spaces of commercial buildings, creating mixed-use properties, and providing housing alternatives for low and moderate-income families in the City of Mt. Pleasant;

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Pleasant supports these services for providing additional affordable housing in our city;

WHEREAS, no city funds are outlaid for the administration of the MSHDA Rental Rehabilitation Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute related agreements of the MSHDA Rental Rehab Program on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

16. Payrolls dated March 13, 2015 and warrants dated March 10, 11, 12 and 19, 2015 all totaling \$675,192.69.

Motion unanimously adopted.

A public hearing was held on the proposed Conditional Rezoning for property located at 215 E. Locust Street. There being no public comments or communications, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

The City Commission took no action as the request for conditional rezoning was withdrawn by the applicant prior to the hearing.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to approve the purchase of three 800 MHz radios from Motorola for two police motorcycles and one BAYANET unmarked detective/administrative vehicle in the amount of \$14,983. Motion unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Kulick to adopt the following Resolution regarding Proposal 1 on road funding.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mt. Pleasant City Commissioners understand the value of safe roads and the role they play in economic development and quality of life, and

**WHEREAS**, the National Transportation Research Group (TRIP) reports that 38 percent of Michigan's state and locally owned urban roads and 32 percent of Michigan's state and locally owned rural roads are in poor condition, and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan has relied on short term fixes for our roads instead of investing enough money to fix our roads for the long term, and

**WHEREAS**, the longer we wait to fix Michigan's roads, the more it will cost, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mt. Pleasant has recognized the need for additional funding to better maintain our streets and other infrastructure and levies taxes of 2 mills to provide funding for important infrastructure, and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Legislature has recognized the need for a long term fix and approved the placement of Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot which provides a chance to finally fix our roads with dedicated gas taxes while also supporting Michigan's long term future by investing in our public schools and local communities, and

**WHEREAS**, if passed the City of Mt. Pleasant is projected to receive an increase in street funds of 66% by 2018 and an increase in state shared revenue of 11% in 2016, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mt. Pleasant City Commission hereby supports Proposal 1 because of the positive economic impact of better roads throughout the state and also due to the extra funds that will be received to use in the City of Mt. Pleasant.

Resolution unanimously adopted.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Kulick to approve the designation as official City representatives to Mayor Holton, City Commissioner Kathy Ling and Sister City Task Force Chair Bruce Kilmer for the purpose of the 2015 delegation visit to Okaya, Japan and authorize the City Manager to allocate the budgeted funds to be split between Commissioner Ling and Bruce Kilmer for airfare.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Verleger  
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Received Commissioners' recommendations and rankings for Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe two percent allocations and approval for submission of same.

Moved by Vice Mayor Rautanen and supported by Commissioner Sous to adopt the following Resolution Authorizing Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contract for Mission/Michigan and Mission/Broadway improved signal upgrades and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the standard MDOT contract.

WHEREAS, a Contract (MDOT Contract No. 15-5004) has been submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, which requires the City of Mt. Pleasant to adopt a resolution authorizing the approval of the contract whereby the City is to pay for enhancements to the original signal design at the above intersections as part of the MDOT construction on Highway US-127BR/M-20 (Mission Street), and

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and improvements made to the two intersections will improve safety for both motoring and pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, the Contract has been approved by the City Manager as to substance,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute said Contract on behalf of the City of Mt. Pleasant.

AYES: Commissioners Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Verleger  
NAYS: Commissioners Holton and Joslin  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Sous to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with the DDA authorizing the payment from DDA funds for signal upgrades on Mission Street.

AYES: Commissioners Holton, Kulick, Ling, Rautanen, Sous and Verleger  
NAYS: Commissioner Joslin  
ABSENT: None

Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Kulick advised residents to watch for tips and recommendations coming soon to the City website from the Neighborhood Resource Unit (NRU).

Vice Mayor Rautanen reminded property owners that the run water advisory for selected locations is still in effect.

Commissioner Sous reminded Commissioners that the MML Capital Conference is this week.

City Manager Ridley thanked the Greeks Clean the Streets Program for their work on Sunday. They cleaned up 40 bags of trash with NRU in City neighborhoods. She announced that staff is working on an exception policy for alley pick-up of trash and recycling that will be brought to the Commission when a recommendation is complete.

The Commission recessed at 8:14 and went into a work session at 8:21.

Work Session - Sidewalk Discussion

City Manager Ridley led a discussion on sidewalks.

Discussion ensued.

Moved by Commissioner Joslin and supported by Vice Mayor Rautanen to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion unanimously adopted.

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Jim Holton, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk