

Minutes of the special meeting of the City Commission held Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at City of Mt. Pleasant City Hall, 320 W. Broadway St.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Ling and Vice Mayor Lents; Commissioners Gillis, Kulick, Madaj and Verleger (left @ 8:23)

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Holton

Others Present: City Manager Ridley, City Clerk Howard, Directors Feldhauser, Kornexl, Mrdeza, Zang and Assistant Finance Director Saladine

#### Public Input on Agenda Items

Kathy Smith, spoke in favor of downtown lighting and recommended budget amendment.

Steve Bissell, Blackstone Bar Owner, had a question regarding where the lighting was going to be located downtown.

#### Receipt of Petitions and Communications

Received the following petitions and communications:

1. Signatures received regarding downtown Christmas lights.

#### Staff Recommendations and Reports

Moved by Commissioner Kulick and supported by Commissioner Verleger to not allocate funds for Christmas lights in the downtown trees in 2016 and reconsider the recommendations for 2017.

AYES: Commissioners Kulick and Verleger  
NAYS: Commissioners Gillis, Lents, Ling and Madaj  
ABSENT: Commissioner Holton  
Motion failed.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Madaj to accept the Downtown Development Board (DDB) recommendation for street tree Christmas lights as presented which includes \$10,100 allocated from the Downtown Fund Balance; \$5,100 from the remaining 2016 Economic Development Fund allocation for long-lasting holiday décor; and authorize the purchase of LED professional grade lights at a cost not to exceed \$10,700 based on quotes.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Lents, Ling and Madaj  
NAYS: Commissioners Kulick and Verleger  
ABSENT: Commissioner Holton  
Motion carried.

Moved by Vice Mayor Lents and supported by Commissioner Verleger to accept the TIFA/DDA recommendation for downtown building light screen budget allocation request as presented which includes the parameters of the program, 2016 budget allocation of \$20,000, and exception to bidding for a sole source purchase of up to \$40,000.

AYES: Commissioners Gillis, Lents, Ling, Madaj and Verleger  
NAYS: Commissioners Kulick  
ABSENT: Commissioner Holton  
Motion carried.

### Announcements on City-Related Issues and New Business

Commissioner Gillis announced that League of Women Voter forums are available for viewing on-line at MACtv.

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

Rich Swindlehurst, 110 W. Michigan, thanked the board for supporting downtown lighting.

Peggy Bongard, Isabella Community Credit Union, thanked the board for supporting downtown lighting.

The Commission recessed at 7:43 p.m. and went into a work session at 7:52 p.m.

### Work Session

City Manager Ridley and Mayor Ling led a discussion on the proposed 2017 Operating Budget.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Ling adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m. without objection.

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Kathleen Ling, Mayor

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Jeremy Howard, City Clerk