

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

January 27, 2009

STUDENT MAYOR AND STUDENT CITY COUNCIL FOR THE DAY

- ◆ City Clerk James Hudson issued the Oath of Office to the Student Mayor and Councilmembers for the Day.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Received an update from Amanda Matthews, 5631 Cheshire, of Goodwill Industries regarding Portage Public High School students who have benefitted from the Goodwill Industries Retail Work Experience Program.
- ◆ Bob Hassing, 1821 Milham Avenue, complained that he received a sidewalk snow-clearing notice, had made a reasonable effort to remove the snow, asked City Council to have his sidewalk cleared for him and to check on a Parks Department truck that drives on his sidewalk packing the snow.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley indicated that he assisted Dorothy Marusek, 6439 Oakland Drive, with snow removal, who had made a reasonable effort to remove the snow, but was unable to complete the job with the recent heavy snowfalls.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Rejected the special assessment petition and directed future project requests for improving Austin Lake to the Statutory Lake Board for Austin Lake.
- ◆ Approved Contract 08-5485 between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Portage concerning funding for street and utility improvements on West Milham Avenue from Oakland Drive to west of Angling Road and adopted a resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the following change orders to Abonmarche Consultants, Incorporated, for design services related to the replacement of the Kilgore Road bridge structure for Portage Creek in the not-to-exceed amount of \$46,200; Driesenga and Associates, Incorporated, for design services related to street and utility improvements for West Milham Avenue from Angling Road to 12th Street in the not-to-exceed amount of \$85,584; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to these change orders on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the Emergency Purchase to replace the malfunctioning Cisco 4006 core network switch at a cost of \$40,976.60 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Adopted the resolution setting the dates and times for the March 2009 Board of Review sessions.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Saturday, February 14, 2009, City Council Chambers, beginning at 9 a.m. to receive public comment and discuss the request from the South County Sewer and Water Authority for a sanitary sewer transportation flow-through agreement connection to the Portage Creek Trunk Sewer.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager in response to a communication from James Graham, dated January 1, 2009, expressing his concerns regarding the current towing contract between the City of Portage and McDonald's Towing as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the December 2008 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments.

STATEMENTS OF STUDENT MAYOR AND STUDENT CITY COUNCIL FOR THE DAY

- ◆ At the request of Mayor Strazdas, the Student Councilmembers and the Student Mayor expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the Student Council and Mayor for the Day Program. Each of them indicated that the experience was rewarding and enlightening.

COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Took no action with regard to the communication from Mark Reile, Historic District Commission Chairperson, regarding the Historic District Commission meeting time.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Mayor, City Council and City Manager Maurice Evans expressed their appreciation to the students who participated in the Student Council and Mayor for the Day Program. Councilmember O'Brien and Mayor Pro Tem Sackley expressed appreciation to city staff for their efforts with regards to the Student Council and Mayor for the Day Program.
- ◆ Councilmember Vliek expressed concern regarding the increase in vehicular/deer accidents in the Police Department Monthly Report and City Manager Evans acknowledged it was a tough issue, that he has a report, but has not decided how to present it to City Council as yet. Mayor Pro Tem Sackley concurred.
- ◆ City Manager Evans expressed appreciation to Tom Haroldson from the Gazette for his interest and efforts in the Student Council and Mayor for the Day Program.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley asked to be excused from the next Regular City Council Meeting of February 10, 2009.

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