

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

March 24, 2009

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued the Fair Housing Resolution of 2009.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the Bond Resolution authorizing the sale of City of Portage Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2009, in the amount of \$3,440,000; and the Resolution Approving the Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure by the City of Portage for the Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2009.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution for Charitable Gaming License recognizing Cole Community Solutions, Inc., as a nonprofit organization in the City of Portage.
- ◆ Granted the request to transfer ownership of a 2008 Resort Class C Licensed Business (MCL 436.1531(4); minimum seating: 247; non transferable) located at 5314 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, Michigan 49002, Kalamazoo County, from The Sweet Onion, Inc., to Quick Casual Corporation and granted a new Dance-Entertainment Permit.
- ◆ Accepted for first reading the proposed amendment to the City of Portage Code of Ordinances, Section 2-272 of Chapter 2, Administration, Article 7, Boards, Commissions and Authorities, and consider final adoption on April 14, 2009.
- ◆ Accepted for first reading the proposed amendment to the City of Portage Code of Ordinances to Chapter 34, Fire Prevention and Protection, Section 34-154, and consider final adoption on April 14, 2009.
- ◆ Approved a change order in the amount of \$25,000 to Adams Building Contractors, Incorporated, for the necessary placement of an additional 2 feet of clean fill on the Garden Lane Water Treatment Plant site and authorized the City Manager to sign the change order on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Renewed a contract to lease space on radio towers from State Systems Radio, Inc., for a period of five years at an initial monthly cost of \$1,102, with a 3 percent annual increase, or a total amount not to exceed \$70,200, and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved amending the Fiscal Year 2008-09 General Fund Budget to transfer an additional \$400,000 to the Major Streets Fund and \$100,000 to the Local Streets Fund.
- ◆ Supported the request for upgrading street lighting in the Amberly Elementary School neighborhood to current city standards.
- ◆ Referred the appointment of another City Councilmember to the Austin Lake Governmental Board to the Administration and City Attorney for further review.
- ◆ Established April 21 and May 5 from 6-9 p.m. as the dates for review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2009-10 Budget.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Tree City USA Tree Planting and Proclamation as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager in response to the March 3, 2009 communications from James Chamness, Terry's Road Service as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the February 2009 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Received the communication from Denise Clegg, Environmental Board Chair, regarding a proposed rule of operation for the public hearing of naturalized lawn and land management permit applications of the Environmental Board and approved the proposed rule of operation for the public hearing of naturalized lawn and land management permit applications of the Environmental Board.
- ◆ Received the communication from the Planning Commission regarding the City of Portage Fiscal Year 2009-19 Capital Improvement Program.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution amending the Program Guidelines for the Youth Advisory Committee and Appointments of Youth Participants to City Boards and Commissions.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Council Audit Committee regarding the compliance audit for the McDonald's Towing and Crossroads Expert Auto Service contracts and chose to not proceed with the audit.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a contract to L.C. United Painting Company, Incorporated, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$116,000 for the Haverhill Water Tower Interior Renovations; accepted the proposal from Dixon Engineering for testing and inspection in the amount of \$11,249; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contracts on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a contract for the Emergency Sanitary Sewer Lead Repair to Peters Construction Company in the not-to-exceed amount of \$26,212.87 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Vliek praised the newly formed city youth involvement programs and listed close to a \$200 million impact on the local economy from the \$120 million Portage Public School bond issue, the \$68 million grant for the I-94 bridge over South Westnedge Avenue and an \$11 million City of Portage Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Mayor Strazdas concurred.
- ◆ City Manager Maurice Evans cited a Letter of Accreditation received by Chief Richard White on behalf of the Portage Police Department providing CALEA Designation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies for the third time for utilizing highly regarded policy and practices throughout the Department.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley thanked City Manager Maurice Evans, Police Chief Richard White, Deputy Police Chief Kit Lirot and Financial Services Director Bob Luders for their candor with the Contract Audit Ad Hoc Committee and thanked Mr. James Chamness and Mr. James Graham for bringing the matter of the Towing Contract forward to the City Council for review.

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