

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

April 14, 2009

## **ARBOR DAY TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AND PROCLAMATION**

- ◆ City Council participated in an Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony at City Hall and Mayor Strazdas issued a National Arbor Day Proclamation.

## **CHECK REGISTER**

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of April 14, 2009, as presented.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- ◆ Approved Ordinance Amendment #08-B and amended Section 42 of Chapter 42 of the Land Development Regulations.

## **REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION**

- ◆ Received the Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Proposed Budget.
- ◆ Established a public hearing for April 28, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to consider resolutions to adopt a sewer commodity rate increase from \$3.58 to \$3.95 per 1,000 gallons of metered water; adopt a water commodity rate increase from \$2.20 to \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons of metered water; adopt the recommendation that adjustments be made to both the sewer and water basic quarterly charges and adopt the recommended water and sewer franchise area fees and other service fees and charges as outlined in the 2009 Utility Rate Financial Study.
- ◆ Established a public hearing for April 28, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, for the purpose of considering the dissolution of the Lake Board of Austin Lake.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Supporting Application for Local Bridge Program Funds for replacement of the Kilgore Road Bridge over Portage Creek.
- ◆ Approved a change order in the amount of \$8,925 for the cleaning and restoration of approximately 850' of the Schuring Drain and authorized the City Manager to sign the change order on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Adopted the resolution to support the Michigan State Housing Development Authority grant application for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and authorized the Mayor and City Manager to execute all documents related to the application.
- ◆ Resolved to submit an application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a Special License for the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises at Portage Central Park, 7800 Shaver Road, for *The Taste of Portage* on June 27, 2009, and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Rescinded a portion of Permanent Traffic Control Order No. 195 and authorized the City Manager to remove the "Yield" sign on Shorbury Street at Tattersall Road.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, beginning at 5:45 p.m. to interview board and commission applicants.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Designating Polling Places and Rate of Compensation for the May 5, 2009 Consolidated School Election.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- ◆ Approved the proposed amendment to the City of Portage Code of Ordinances, Section 2-272 of Chapter 2, Administration, Article 7, Boards and Commissions and Authorities.
- ◆ Approved the proposed amendment to the City of Portage Code of Ordinances, Chapter 34, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article 6, Outdoor Solid Fuel-Fired Furnaces, Section 154, Existing Outdoor Fuel-Fired Furnaces.

## **STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER**

- ◆ Councilmember Vlieg and Mayor Pro Tem Sackley attended the City of Kalamazoo 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary kick-off and Councilmember Vlieg indicated that the City of Portage has the opportunity to highlight its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in a significant way in 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Sackley wished a speedy recovery of Councilmember Reid and indicated he spent time with former Kalamazoo Mayor, former Portage resident and State Representative Bob Jones, who is undergoing treatment for cancer and wished him well.
- ◆ Councilmember Campbell asked everyone to vote for Matt Giraud, who is still in the competition on the American Idol television program.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas announced that President Obama mentioned Portage, Michigan, at a Press Conference, April 13, 2009, as a recipient of Stimulus II funds and expressed his appreciation to the Administration and previous City Councils for their foresight and the tenacity of some of the members of the Southwest Michigan Alliance ultimately saving the City of Portage \$2 million.

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