

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

April 28, 2009

PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued the National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Proclamation, the Silver Star Banner Day Proclamation and the National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Jim McKinney, 1425 Grand Avenue, Kalamazoo, invited the public to attend the Kalamazoo Valley 2009 CROP Hunger Walk, Sunday, May 3rd, 2009, and indicated that Registration begins at 1:00 p.m., the Walk starts at 2:00 p.m. at Bronson Park, Downtown Kalamazoo. He also indicated that a challenge grant has been received and any walker after 350 allows for a \$90 extra donation to be received and extra parking is available at the First Congregational Church, 129 South Park Street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Voted to maintain a (governmental) Lake Board for Austin Lake.
- ◆ Adopted the 2009 sewer and water rate resolutions establishing sewer and water utility rates, sewer and water franchise area fees and service fees and charges as outlined in the 2009 Utility Rate Financial Study and as recommended by the Administration and the City Council Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the resolution setting a public hearing for May 12, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, on the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Proposed City Budget and the proposed 2009 tax levy as computed in accordance with Public Act 5 of 1982.
- ◆ Approved the Final Plan for Great Lakes Plastic & Hand Surgery, 7971 Moorsbridge Road.
- ◆ Authorized the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for the presentation of the Strengths Discovery training and development program.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the March 2009 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a one-year contract renewal to provide pavement marking services to Michigan Pavement Markings, LLC, of Wyoming, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$97,780 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract renewal.
- ◆ Approved a two-year contract renewal with Premier Truck Sales & Rental, Incorporated, to provide four compactor trucks to be utilized for the Fall Leaf Pickup Program in the amount not to exceed \$33,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract renewal on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas referred the request from Seth Giem, 10234 East Shore Drive, to investigate trespass and congestion issues on Austin Lake in front of his home to the Administration for review.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien announced that the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (of Breast Cancer) takes place Saturday morning, May 16, 2009, at the Arcadia Creek Festival Place in downtown Kalamazoo.
- ◆ Councilmembers Reid and Urban encouraged voters to vote for the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority Public Transit Millage Issue at the Countywide Election, Tuesday, May 5, 2009.
- ◆ City Manager Evans invited citizens to attend the City Council Budget Review Session, Tuesday, May 5, 2009, Conference Room No. 1, City Hall, beginning at 6 p.m.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley thanked City Manager Maurice Evans and Utilities Engineer Kendra Gwin for providing a simplified graphic representation of the results of the 2009 Utility Rate Financial Study. He also mentioned that an article in *The Detroit Free Press* indicated that a person has not "been to Michigan" until he or she has visited Celery Flats, Portage.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas expressed his appreciation that area youth programs continue general American traditions in Portage, especially the Little League and soccer programs.

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