

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

May 26, 2009

## PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Joanne Willson, 7122 Leawood Street, issued a complaint that she was approached by Portage Police Officers while she legally campaigned outside Precinct #15, North Middle School, at the May 6, 2009 Consolidated School Election.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution awarding the bid for the City of Portage Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2009, in the approximate amount of \$3,440,000 to Fifth Third Securities, Inc. at 3.910738 percent.
- ◆ Approved the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program FY 2008-09 Annual Action Plan Substantial Amendment for CDBG funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) and authorized the Administration to submit the amendment to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- ◆ Approved Contract 09-5099 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Portage concerning funding for widening and reconstruction of I-94 from approximately 2,300 feet east of Oakland Drive to approximately 1,800 feet east of Lovers Lane; and adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign contract 09-5099 on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved Contract 09-5186 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Portage concerning funding for street improvements on Kilgore Road from South Westnedge Avenue to the Grand Elk railroad crossing; approved an engineering services contract with Abonmarche Consultants, Incorporated, for construction inspection and administration on Kilgore Road from South Westnedge Avenue to the Grand Elk railroad crossing in the not-to-exceed amount of \$103,500; adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Contract 09-5186 on behalf of the city; and authorized the City Manager to sign all other documents related to both the consultant contract and the Michigan Department of Transportation contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved Contract 09-5165 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Portage concerning funding for street improvements on East Centre Avenue from South Westnedge Avenue to Portage Road; approved an engineering services contract with Wightman Jones, Incorporated, for construction inspection and administration on East Centre Avenue from South Westnedge Avenue to Portage Road in the not-to-exceed amount of \$74,500; adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Contract 09-5164 on behalf of the city; and authorized the City Manager to sign all other documents relating to both the consultant contract and the Michigan Department of Transportation contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution approving the substitution of the Haverhill Water Tower project and the deferral of the Zylman Avenue street project in the City of Portage 2003 Amended Tax Increment Finance Plan/Amended Development Plan.
- ◆ Approved a contract extension for the period of June 11, 2009, to June 10, 2010, with Kal Clean, Inc., dba Paris Cleaners, for police uniform cleaning services in the amount of \$30,000 with the option of an additional one-year renewal and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Granted the request to transfer ownership of 2008 Class C licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located in escrow at 2712 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, from George N. Cekola to Erb Ventures, Inc., and transfer location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436.1531(1)) to 8342 Portage Road, Portage (Erbelli's Restaurant).
- ◆ Granted the request to transfer ownership of 2008 Class C licensed business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, located in escrow at 116 Portage Street, Kalamazoo, from Louisiana Corporation to Sakura2, LLC, and transfer location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436.1531(1)) to 6749 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage (Sakura Hibachi Grill and Sushi Bar).
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, City Hall Conference Room #1, beginning at 6 p.m., to interview Youth Advisory Committee and Youth Participants for Board and Commission applicants.
- ◆ Appointed Mayor Pro Tem Sackley as the additional member of City Council to the Austin Lake Governmental Board.
- ◆ Voted to consider projects proposed for the improvement of a lake on a case-by-case basis as to the appropriateness for referral to the respective governmental lake board.
- ◆ Approved a permit for a proposed fireworks display on July 4, 2009, sponsored by the Portage Rotary Club.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the April 2009 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Approved an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portage, Michigan, by amending Article 3 of Chapter 14, Businesses, Section 14-72(4), Exceptions, by adding professional massage therapists who are duly licensed by the laws of the State of Michigan to practice massage therapy.

## BID TABULATION

- ◆ Awarded contracts to Rieth-Riley Construction Company, Incorporated, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$181,550.54 to provide asphalt resurfacing to selected local streets; J. Allen & Company, Incorporated, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$241,729.64 to provide surface asphalt repairs to isolate sections of major and local streets; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to these contracts on behalf of the city.

**STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER**

- ◆ Councilmember Vlieg asked the Administration to confirm that no back-up is taking place between the sewers and storm drains on the east side of Portage.
- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien issued a special thanks to Boy Scout Troop 244 for leading City Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and expressed her sorrow to the residents of Climax Township for the recent loss of their School Superintendent.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas expressed kudos to Councilmember Campbell and Kalamazoo County Commissioner John Zull for their help with the July 4 fireworks display.
- ◆ Councilmembers Reid encouraged everyone between age 50 and 65 to join the Portage Senior Center and commented on what a community gem it is.
- ◆ City Manager Evans commented on the road closure of Milham Road and asked for patience from the public while the sewer construction project is underway to allow the project to be done and done right.

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