

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 9, 2009

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Peter J. Strazdas at 7:33 p.m.

The City Clerk called the roll with the following members present: Councilmembers Elizabeth A. Campbell, Margaret E. O'Brien, Terry R. Urban and Ted W. Vliek, and Mayor Peter J. Strazdas. Councilmember Claudette S. Reid and Mayor Pro Tem Edward J. Sackley were absent with excuse. Also in attendance were City Manager Maurice S. Evans, City Attorney Randall Brown and City Clerk James R. Hudson.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Strazdas issued a Portage Soccer Classic Tournament Weekend Proclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Urban, to approve the May 6, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

* **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Strazdas asked Councilmember O'Brien to read the Consent Agenda. With the consent of City Council, Councilmember O'Brien added Item K.1, Youth Involvement Programs Resolution Amendment, and K.2, Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions, to the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Urban asked that Item F.2, Agreement for Pumping Station at Long Lake, be removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Consent Agenda motions as amended. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

* **APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER OF JUNE 9, 2009:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Check Register of June 9, 2009. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

* **DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER BILLS:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to order notice to applicable property owners that all water and/or sewer charges remaining unpaid as of June 30, 2009 will be transferred to the 2009 city tax roll and assessed against property for which the services were furnished. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

AGREEMENT FOR PUMPING STATION AT LONG LAKE: Councilmember Urban indicated that he and City Manager Evans discussed the agreement and agreed that some minor changes were necessary and asked for time in order to present the appropriate documents. Discussion followed. Motion by Urban, seconded by Vliek, to table the renewal of a ten-year Personal License Agreement for the Pumping Station with the Long Lake (governmental) Board on Ramona Park Property until the Regular City Council Meeting of June 23, 2009. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

* **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION RECOGNITION:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to adopt the Resolution for Charitable Gaming License recognizing Portage Swimming (Portage Aquatic Club) as a nonprofit organization in the City of Portage. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0. Resolution recorded on page 331 of City of Portage Resolution Book No. 43.

* **CONTRACT APPROVAL - KALAMAZOO IN BLOOM:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to approve a one-year contract with Kalamazoo In Bloom and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

* **2009 COMMUNITY SURVEY:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to convene the Council Community Survey Committee to review 2009 Community Survey questions. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

* **LOCAL OFFICERS COMPENSATION COMMISSION REPORT:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to receive the communication from the Local Officers Compensation Commission. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

* **EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE GRANT:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to receive the communication from the City Manager regarding the Portage Police Department Grant Opportunity Application as information only. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

* **SALE OF EXCESS NEWPORT/GLADYS STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to approve Resolution No. 2 to Sell Real Estate and the Agreement of Purchase and Sale conveying a 6,750 square foot area of the Newport/Gladys Street right-of-way for \$6,750 to Mr. Scott Carter, owner of Cross Creek Self Storage, and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents to complete the property sale. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0. Resolution recorded on page 333 of City of Portage Resolution Book No. 43.

* **MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** City Council received the minutes of the:

Portage Park Board of May 6, 2009.

Human Services Board of May 20, 2009.

Portage Planning Commission of May 21, 2009.

Portage Local Officers Compensation Commission Draft of June 2, 2009.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT:

* **2009-2010 ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to adopt the 2009-2010 Advisory Boards and Commissions Goals and Objectives. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

* **YOUTH INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS RESOLUTION AMENDMENT:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to adopt the Resolution to Continue the Youth Advisory Committee and allow up to 21 Youth Advisory Committee members. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0. Resolution recorded on page 335 of City of Portage Resolution Book No. 43.

* **APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Campbell, to reappoint Sujay Dewan, Christianna Gluys, Abhiram Krishnan, Fatima Mirza, Linnea Whistler, and appoint Eric Alden, Renee Beranek Lauren Centers, Nozomi Gonzalez, Taryn Green, Katie Jesaitis, Jared Madden, Humza Mirza, Kelsey Newsome, George Norg, Joseph Schulte, Allison Seiwart, Taylor Bruinwood and Matthew Hoff with terms ending June 30, 2010, to the Youth Advisory Committee; appoint Bryce Maurer with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Environmental Board; reappoint Amy Noonan with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Historic District Commission; reappoint Logan Wessendorf with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Human Services board; reappoint John Pfund with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Park Board; and appoint Bethany Schmall with term

ending June 30, 2010, to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 5 to 0.

OTHER CITY MATTERS:

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS: Richard Proulx, 21005 Pine Lake Road, Battle Creek, had sign ordinance and Special Use Permit issues.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER: Councilmember O'Brien expressed kudos to the Portage Northern and Portage Central girls soccer teams for a fine soccer play this season. She also announced that the 18th Kalamazoo Invitational Soccer Showcase (KISS) would take place at the Kalamazoo Soccer Complex and the River Oaks Soccer Complex on June 20-21, 2009, for the boys, and June 26-27, 2009, for the girls, with teams from fifteen states and college coaches present to scout the players.

Mayor Strazdas reminded citizens that Vice President Biden would be at Loy Norrix High School, Friday, for the South Westnedge Avenue – I-94 Interchange ground-breaking ceremony and spoke briefly about the early City Council Special Meeting to interview Youth Advisory Committee and Youth Participants for Board and Commission applicants.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

James R. Hudson, City Clerk