

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

June 9, 2009

SPECIAL MEETING

- ◆ Mayor and City Council attended a Special Meeting to interview Youth Advisory Committee and Youth Participants for Board and Commission applicants.

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Portage Soccer Classic Tournament Weekend Proclamation.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of June 9, 2009, as presented.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Ordered 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.
- ◆ Tabled the renewal of a ten-year Personal License Agreement for the Pumping Station with the Long Lake (governmental) Board on Ramona Park Property.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution for Charitable Gaming License recognizing Portage Swimming (Portage Aquatic Club) as a nonprofit organization in the City of Portage.
- ◆ Approved a one-year contract with Kalamazoo In Bloom and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract.
- ◆ Convened the Council Community Survey Committee to review 2009 Community Survey questions.
- ◆ Received the communication from the Local Officers Compensation Commission.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Portage Police Department Grant Opportunity Application as information only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Adopted 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 authorized the City Manager to execute all documents to complete the property sale.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

- ◆ Adopted the 2009-2010 Advisory Boards and Commissions Goals and Objectives.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution to Continue the Youth Advisory Committee and allow up to 21 Youth Advisory Committee members.
- ◆ Reappointed Sujay Dewan, Christianna Gluys, Abhiram Krishnan, Fatima Mirza, Linnea Whistler, and appointed 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; appointed Bryce Maurer with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Environmental Board; reappointed Amy Noonan with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Historic District Commission; reappointed Logan Wessendorf with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Human Services board; reappointed John Pfund with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Park Board; and appointed Bethany Schmall with term ending June 30, 2010, to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

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 with 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.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF EACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT PORTAGEM.I.GOV, IN CITY HALL AND IN THE DISTRICT LIBRARY. MINUTES OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.