

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

June 23, 2009

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a proclamation recognizing the state championship of the Portage Central High School Women's Soccer Team.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of June 23, 2009, as presented.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Community Development Block Grant Fund contracts and General Fund human/public services contracts and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city..
- ◆ Approved a one-year lease extension of 75 Hewlett Packard computers from Capital Advantage Leasing of Grand Rapids, Michigan, at a lease price of \$15,178.60 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the 2009 Portage Community Survey Instrument, awarded a contract to the Kercher Center for Social Research at Western Michigan University in the not-to-exceed amount of \$9,746 for the conduct of the 2009 Portage Community Survey and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter.
- ◆ 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., transfer location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436.1531(1)) to 8342 Portage Road, Portage (Erbelli's Restaurant), and canceled the Dance-Entertainment Permit.
- ◆ Adopted the 2010 Census Partner Resolution in support of the 2010 Census and the Kalamazoo County Complete Count Committee.
- ◆ Received the suggested Michigan Organizing Project Industrial Tax Abatement Incentive Policy revisions, but retained the existing City of Portage policy.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the May 2009 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Departmental Monthly Reports as information only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Approved renewal of a ten-year Personal License Agreement for Pumping Station with the Long Lake (governmental) Board on Ramona Park Property for an additional ten years and authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the city.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a three-year contract to The Hartford for employee basic life, basic accidental death and dismemberment, contributory life, contributory accidental death and dismemberment, dependent life and long-term disability insurance and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a contract for the Oakland Drive/Vincent Avenue intersection improvement to Weick Brothers, Incorporated, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$34,726 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Campbell reminded everyone that Freedom Fest will be happening on July 4th and encouraged everyone to come out and participate. She also issued an appeal for volunteers to help staff the event.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid recognized the young women and scholars that were present at the meeting and expressed her appreciation for Title IX which helped open the door for female athletes.
- ◆ City Manager Evans commented on the 2010 Census and the importance of cooperating with other jurisdictions within Kalamazoo County to ensure the best count possible. He explained the ramifications and importance of an accurate count in terms of political boundaries, economic development and federal funding.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley informed the public that the Kalamazoo County Convention and Visitors Bureau would be officially changing its name to "Discover Kalamazoo." He then stated that he has been speaking with members of the Austin Lake Riparians and other interested citizens regarding the Austin Lake Governmental Board. The Board will be meeting at Portage City Hall at 7:30 a.m. on June 24th to discuss a process by which to add the fifth member to the Board (the representative from the Austin Lake Riparians) and set a date for their next meeting.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas reported on the activities of the Kalamazoo County Substance Abuse Task Force. He shared highlights including the upgrade and new activities going on with the 2-1-1 Call Center. Mayor Strazdas also discussed the "Smart Summer Program" and relayed three significant focus areas covered since the launch of the program. Finally, Mayor Strazdas relayed information regarding the "text-a-tip" program as provided to him by Captain Joe Taylor of the Kalamazoo Valley Enforcement Team (KVET). Mayor Strazdas explained the "text-a-tip" program and related successes.

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.