

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

July 28, 2009

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of July 28, 2009, as presented.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Accepted the application for an industrial tax abatement submitted by The Stryker Corporation for 6300 Sprinkle Road; and adopted Resolution No. 3-09 setting a public hearing on August 11, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, for the issuance of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for real and personal property improvements by The Stryker Corporation at 6300 Sprinkle Road in the amount of \$4.97 million.
- ◆ Received the Communication from the City Manager recommending that City Council consider modifications to the City of Portage Industrial Tax Abatement Incentive Policy for Fiscal Year 2009-10.
- ◆ Confirmed City Manager appointments to the Local Development Finance Authority by adopting the Resolution to Appoint Members to the Local Development Finance Authority of the City of Portage.
- ◆ Approved the amendment to the purchase order with the Michigan Department of Transportation in the additional amount of \$349,200 to provide adequate funding for the city share of early preliminary engineering and preliminary engineering costs for the widening and reconstruction of I-94 from the west city limits to east of Oakland Drive.
- ◆ Approved a change order for the rehabilitation of the Sprinkle Woods storm water retention basin with H & K Excavating in the not-to-exceed amount of \$28,640 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a one-year contract renewal with Republic Services of Michigan Hauling, LLC, dba Republic Waste Services of Western Michigan, to provide four compactor trucks with operators at an hourly rate of \$117.75 for the Fall Leaf Pickup Program in the not-to-exceed amount of \$48,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract renewal on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Entered into a closed session immediately following the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of Tuesday, July 28, 2009, to discuss a personnel matter.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the June 2009 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Departmental Monthly Reports as information only.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a one-year contract to Paw Paw Press in the not-to-exceed amount of \$44,079 for the production of the *Portager* newsletter with the option to renew the contract for an additional three years and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a one-year pilot program with Precision Printer Services, Incorporated, for the provision of printer supplies and services and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a one-year contract to Allegra Print and Imaging of Portage for general printing services with the option to renew the contract for an additional three years and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the this action on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien recognized State Representative Larry DeShazor and thanked him for his efforts with the state budget.
- ◆ City Manager Evans congratulated Deputy City Clerk Adam Herringa for obtaining Certified Municipal Clerk status, and Mayor Pro Tem Sackley congratulated Deputy City Clerk Herringa for graduating from Leadership Kalamazoo.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley announced that the Austin Lake Board appointed Don Mordice, who is the Vice President of the Austin Lake Riparian Association, as the Riparian Representative to the Board, Elizabeth Campbell as Secretary and himself as Chairperson.
- ◆ Councilmember Vlieg recognized Shirley Johnson for her outstanding leadership on the Portage Board of Education as Vice Chair for two years and Chair for two years during some difficult times.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas indicated that City Council held a closed session to perform the annual performance review of City Manager Maurice Evans and deferred to the City Manager Salary Review/Evaluation Committee Chairperson, Councilmember Urban, who indicated that City Council is very pleased with the overall performance of Mr. Evans. Councilmember Urban read from the news release and reflected that according to City Council, Mr. Evans maximizes the value of city resources, both financial and human; that his relationship with City Council is one of mutual respect and professional courtesy; that his involvement in the community should be emulated by all; that his efforts to work with other municipalities on items of mutual interest and his interest in the recognition and development of city employees is appreciated; that he performed admirably in managing the fiscal challenges of the state and national recession; that under his leadership, the City of Portage continues to be positioned as well as it can be in the current economy to continue to provide essential services and a high level of customer satisfaction. Councilmember Urban stated that Mr. Evans again achieved a level of excellence that exceeds expectations and he indicated that in normal economic times he would be given a pay raise and a meritorious bonus. However, with the uncertainty of future funding and other budgetary constraints, City Council and Mr. Evans agree that this year the city is unable to increase his compensation.

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