

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

October 6, 2009

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Kid-Biz Young Entrepreneurs Program Proclamation.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of October 6, 2009, as presented.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ John Jackson, 2526 Sunnybrook, Kalamazoo, indicated he represented Dr. Ray Maly, 7432 Garden Lane, regarding a landlock issue when Garden Lane was relocated in the 1980's.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Accepted the application for an industrial tax abatement submitted by MANN+HUMMEL USA, Incorporated, 6400 South Sprinkle Road; and adopted Resolution No. 3-09 setting a public hearing on the issuance of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for MANN+HUMMEL USA, Incorporated, 6400 South Sprinkle Road, for personal property improvements in the estimated amount of \$11.69 million on October 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.
- ◆ Accepted the application for a three-year extension of an industrial tax abatement that expires on December 30, 2009, submitted by MANN+HUMMEL USA, Incorporated, 6400 South Sprinkle Road; and adopted Resolution No. 3-09 setting a public hearing on the three-year extension of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 2005-500 for MANN+HUMMEL USA, Incorporated, 6400 South Sprinkle Road, involving personal property in the estimated amount of \$4.33 million on October 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 4 for the West Milham Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project #413-S, setting a public hearing on the Assessment Roll for October 20, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.
- ◆ Adopted a formal resolution in accordance with Michigan Department of Transportation guidelines for the Northwest Portage Bikeway Extension projects approved for Transportation Enhancement Program Funding.
- ◆ Approved a contract with New Fresh Cleaning Services for janitorial services within the Police Department, City Hall and the Department of Public Services facility for the period of October 18, 2009, to December 31, 2010, in the annual amounts of \$17,760, \$14,040 and \$21,000, respectively, with the option of three, one-year renewals and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Local Development Finance Authority Annual Report as information only.

COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Received the communication from William Schomisch, City of Kalamazoo Transportation Director, regarding the proposed Metro Transit passenger fare increase.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Set a Special Meeting for the purpose of receiving a presentation on best practices for assessing on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Reappointed Diane Durian and Michael Thompson and appointed Sandra Sheppard with terms ending October 1, 2012, and appointed Angela Ilori with unfulfilled term ending October 1, 2011, to the Human Services Board; reappointed Scott Grinder and appointed Vicki Locke and Mike Zajac with terms ending October 1, 2012, to the Park Board; reappointed Rose Mary Higginbottom and Mark Reile, Architect, and appointed Katie vanLonkhuyzen with terms ending December 31, 2012, to the Historic District Commission; reappointed Daniel VanPeenen and appointed Martha Dahlinger and Rebbecca Schramm with terms ending October 1, 2012, to the Environmental Board; appointed Keith Lewandowski with term ending December 31, 2015, to the Economic Development Corporation/Tax Increment Finance Authority/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and, reappointed Patricia Berninger and Nicoara Oprescu and appointed Ann Perkins, current Alternate, with terms ending October 1, 2012, and Mary Lou Petruccio with unfulfilled Alternate term ending October 1, 2010, to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

BID TABULATION

- ◆ Approved a contract with B&B Yardscape to provide sidewalk snow removal services for selected city properties in the low bid amount of \$14,475 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien indicated she attended the Portage Cross Country meet, the Agricultural Tour, or Greenhouse Tour, and congratulated all of those who applied for and received appointments to the various City Council Boards and Commission.
- ◆ Councilmember Urban indicated that Applefest was a successful event for his family and reminded everyone of the upcoming Haunted Forest event in celebration of Halloween.
- ◆ City Manager Evans congratulated Parks Director Bill Deming and his staff for receiving the President's Plaque for the Keeping America Beautiful Program in recognition of the South Central Greenway Parks: Bishop's Bog, West Lake Nature Preserve, Schrier Park and South Westnedge Park.
- ◆ City Clerk Hudson announced that the goal for the first mailing of absentee ballots would be Friday, October 9, 2009, or Monday, October 12, 2009.

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