

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

December 15, 2009

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of December 15, 2009, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution approving an amended Brownfield Redevelopment Plan by adding Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Amendment No. 6 involving 8019 Portage Road.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Alison Lincoln, indicated that Michigan Blood, a nonprofit organization based in Grand Rapids, will soon have a new location at 524 East Milham Avenue, Portage, by January 2010, and will begin supplying blood donated by the public to Borgess Medical Center and to Bronson Methodist Hospital.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the Refunding Bond Resolution authorizing the sale of Michigan Transportation Fund Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, in an amount not-to-exceed \$7,500,000; and the Resolution Approving the Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure by the City of Portage for the Michigan Transportation Fund Refunding Bonds, Series 2010.
- ◆ Approved the contract with Kalamazoo County for Household Hazardous Waste collection during the 2010 calendar year in the not-to-exceed amount of \$32,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Authorized payment to the Michigan Municipal League in the amount of \$9,238 for year 2010 membership dues.
- ◆ Approved contracts with Office Max Contract, Inc., through MiDEAL for the purchase of office supplies and products through January 1, 2011, and any MiDEAL contract extensions offered to Office Max Contract, Inc., thereafter; Office Depot Business Solutions Division through U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance for the purchase of office supplies and products through January 1, 2011, and any U.S. Communities contract extensions offered to Office Depot Business Solutions thereafter; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contracts on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution setting the dates and times for the March 2010 Board of Review sessions.
- ◆ Accepted the results of the 2009 Portage Community Survey conducted annually by the Kercher Center for Social Research at Western Michigan University.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the 2009 Tax Rate Survey as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the November 2009 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments
- ◆ Allocated up to 0.55 percent of the General Fund for support of human service agencies for Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- ◆ Approved the Resolution adopting the 2010-2011 Council Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives for the City of Portage as established at the City Council Goal Setting Session on December 11 and 12, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Approved the fourteen Portage City Council 2010 Priorities and the 2010 City Council Standing Committee Appointments.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution of Intent for the City of Portage to join the Public Media Network for the provision of Cable Access Public, Education and Government programming services within the community.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ City Council wished all a Merry Christmas and/or a safe and happy holiday.
- ◆ Councilmember Randall enjoyed the Stuart Mannor Tea and the singing of the Portage Northern High School Quartet.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid emphasized the importance of recognizing the warnings of a stroke: sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; or sudden, severe headache with no known cause, and advised getting the patient to the hospital fast.
- ◆ Councilmembers O'Brien, Campbell and Urban expressed their delight and satisfaction as volunteers serving lunch to seniors at the Senior Center.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley complimented the Administration for the newly installed Portage City Seal in City Council Chambers and thanked everyone who recently supported Portage Public Schools and their families.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas disclosed a common theme of respect and teamwork among City Council during the recent retreat and commended City Council for their work on the unprecedented number of ad hoc committee meetings in 2009.

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