

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

February 9, 2010

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of February 9, 2010, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Approved Ordinance Amendment #09-A; adopted Appendix G of the 2006 State of Michigan Construction Code, 2009 Flood Insurance Study and 2009 Flood Insurance Rate Maps, which updates Section 42-991 and inserts Section 42-995, Floodplain Management Regulations, designating the city as the enforcing agency; repealed Zoning Code Sections 42-320 to 42-330, Flood Hazard Areas; repealed Zoning Code Section 42-162(D)(1)(2), Flood Boundaries; and adopted the Resolution to Manage Floodplain Development for the National Flood Insurance Program, required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 3 for the West Lake Management Program Special Assessment District No. 011-Q, directing the preparation of the special assessment roll.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution awarding the bid for the City of Portage Michigan Transportation Fund Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, in the amount of \$6,725,000 to Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc., at 2.752054 percent.
- ◆ Accepted Ordinance Amendment #09-C, Home Occupation Regulations, for first reading and established a public hearing on March 9, 2010.
- ◆ Approved a one-year renewal with Peters Construction Company for the Sanitary Sewer Service Repair Call-in Contract at the original not-to-exceed amount of \$26,212.87 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Authorized payment for the emergency purchase of one HP Proliant virtual server and related hardware components at a cost of \$12,381 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Granted the request from Carrabba's/Birchwood, Limited Partnership (A Florida Limited Partnership), to transfer ownership of the 2009 Class C licensed business, located at 5690 South Westnedge, Portage, to Carrabba's Italian Grill, LLC (A Florida Limited Liability Company).

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Permitting Protest of Assessed Valuation to the Board of Review by Letter.

## BID TABULATION

- ◆ Awarded an engineering professional services contract to Prein & Newhof, Incorporated, for the South Westnedge Avenue/Trade Centre Way Realignment in the not-to-exceed amount of \$56,072 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 Reid discussed the Community Action Agency program to assist those who earned \$45,000 or less in 2009 with their taxes. Sessions will be held at the Portage Community Center and Portage Senior Center. She also encouraged the community to come out and support the annual Walk-for-Warmth to be held on February 27<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo.
- ◆ Councilmember Randall thanked City Council for approving the resolution allowing property owners to appeal their assessments in writing so quickly.
- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien shared news that Mr. Grady Biby, former Kalamazoo County Commissioner who represented a portion of Portage, passed away last week. She then thanked City Manager Evans for his report on the costs associated with giving residents the option of receiving the Portager electronically. She then expressed interest in City Council adopting a resolution regarding unfunded mandates at their next meeting.
- ◆ City Manager Evans discussed the Transportation Fund Refunding Bonds that were approved by Council on the Consent Agenda and indicated that the action will save \$476,805 over several years and he complimented Financial Services Director Robert Luders and Finance Director Daniel Foecking on their efforts.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley discussed the Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) Wind Energy Center in which students are trained to install, operate and repair large wind turbines. He continued by stating that the program is unique in the United States and the only one qualified under internationally recognized BZEE standards.

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