

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL OF MAY 12, 2015 - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICANTS

Mayor Peter Strazdas called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmembers Richard Ford, Patricia Randall and Claudette Reid, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson and Mayor Peter Strazdas. Councilmember Nasim Ansari arrived at 5:40 p.m. and Councilmember Terry Urban arrived at 5:50 p.m. Also present were City Manager Larry Shaffer and City Clerk James Hudson.

City Councilmembers introduced themselves and interviewed the following applicants who were present for the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and Youth Participants on various Boards and Commissions. Mayor Strazdas also asked each of them to express a Board, Commission or Committee preference, if they wished:

* 5:20-5:55 p.m., Sami Ahmad, Jawad Aqeel, Ali Arif, Ben Behrens, Eli Cartier, Cortney Chow, Anna Heystek, Sameen Khurshid, Blue Koffron, Benjamin Miller, Sophie Morin, Lindy Nebiolo, Molly Ryan, Daniel Saba, Simran Singh, and Omar Thaj. Staff Liaison Adam Herringa, Deputy City Clerk, was present for questions; and, he informed City Council that Logan Wilson could no longer serve owing to his schedule. Discussion followed.

City Council continued to interview applicants for the following City Council Advisory Boards and Commissions:

* 5:55- 6:14 p.m., Jessie Duniphin and Paul Summers for the Local Officers Compensation Commission. Discussion followed.

* 6:15 - 6:25 p.m., Ed Sackley for the Public Media Network Board. Discussion followed.

* 6:26 - 6:50 p.m., Elizabeth Nahavandi, John Byrnes, Jessie Duniphin and Paul Summers for the Planning Commission. Planning Commission Chair Paul Welch was present for feedback and questions. Mayor Strazdas asked that a letter be sent to the Planning Commission stressing the importance of attendance at the meetings. Mayor Strazdas also asked for a legal opinion from the City Attorney regarding the use of the Alternate Member concept for the Planning Commission similar to the one used for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion followed.

* 6:51 - 6:58 p.m., Peter Carlson and Gary Gilchrist for the Construction Board of Appeals. Discussion followed.

* 6:59 - 7:14 p.m., Alexander Philipp, John Byrnes, Jessie Duniphin and Paul Summers for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

James R. Hudson, City Clerk