

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

May 26, 2015

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Accounts Payable Register of May 26, 2015, as presented.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget and adopted the Resolution to adopt the Salary and Wage Schedules for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.
- ◆ Received the Tentative Plan Amendment for The Homestead Planned Development, Story Point Senior Living Facility, 3821 West Milham Avenue, and set a public hearing for June 23, 2015; and subsequent to the public hearing, will consider the approval of the tentative plan subject to: the four conditions listed in the May 1, 2015 Community Development staff report, inclusion of the written narrative and tentative plan dated April 8, 2015, the addendum letter dated April 30, 2015, and the conceptual landscape plan dated April 29, 2015; and construction of berms ranging in height from three to six feet tall along the east and south sides of the site.
- ◆ Accepted Ordinance Amendment #14/15-B for first reading and set a public hearing for June 23, 2015, and subsequent to the public hearing, will consider the approval of Ordinance Amendment #14/15-B, Site Plan Review.
- ◆ Authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the five-year labor agreement between the City of Portage and the International Association of Firefighters.
- ◆ Approved a permit for a fireworks display on July 4, 2015, sponsored by the Portage Rotary Club.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the April 2015 Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various departments.

## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Received the communication from David Rice, 8729 Pine Island Court South, Texas Township, of Edward Rose & Sons, in support of the Assessor Office.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Approved the Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portage, Michigan, by amending Section 38-35 of Chapter 38, Historical Preservation.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ City Council received a Central County Transportation Authority (CCTA) report and a Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority (KCTA) report from Councilmember Urban.

## BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a nine-year contract to the low bidder, Best Way Disposal, for the provision of single stream recycling services once every two weeks in the total contract amount of \$5,897,388 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the agreement on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded an engineering contract for the 2015 Local Street Reconstruction Program to Jones & Henry Engineers, Ltd., for design, construction administration and material testing in an amount not to exceed \$50,900 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Councilmember Ford shared his experience with *Listening Post* with Councilmember Reid last Friday and said he attended the Memorial Day Service yesterday.
- ◆ Councilmember Randall reminded everyone that children are getting out of school for the summer and will be walking and riding their bicycles and will require special attention.
- ◆ Councilmember Urban expressed his pleasure to be in the Memorial Day Parade yesterday and his appreciation for those citizens who came to commemorate Memorial Day, those who protected our way of life and the sacrifices of their families.
- ◆ Councilmember Ansari apologized for not being at the Memorial Day Parade, but there were problems with his flight from Texas and explained.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid reviewed the discussion with Representatives Brandt Iden and David Maturen at the *Listening Post* on Friday regarding the need to create a plan to address the state of the roads in Michigan and explained. She also highlighted the Memorial Day Parade event and the subsequent Veterans Celebration at Memorial Park. Discussion followed.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Pearson indicated that the Portage Rotary placed American Flags provided by the City of Portage on all of the Veteran graves in the Portage Cemeteries in commemoration of their service to our country that will remain there until the Fourth of July. He highlighted the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks sponsored by the Rotary and mentioned that the city is providing police, fire and insurance support for the event and Portage Public Schools provides the venue on school property.

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas thanked Mayor Pro Tem Pearson for his leadership with the fireworks event. He also highlighted the Memorial Day Parade and the subsequent Veterans Celebration at Memorial Park. Lastly, he mentioned his attendance at a unique Boy Scout Court of Honor where seven boys received Eagle Scout status through Troop 244, and a special tribute to Hank Poppen, who since 1995, has guided and led 105 young men to Eagle Scout status.

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