

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

June 23, 2015

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Accounts Payable Register of June 23, 2015, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Approved Ordinance Amendment #14/15-B, Site Plan Review.
- ◆ Approved the Tentative Plan Amendment for The Homestead Planned Development, Story Point Senior Living Facility, 3821 West Milham Avenue 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.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Final/Site Plan for Story Point Senior Living Facility, 3821 West Milham Avenue.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Authorizing Refunding of the City of Portage Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2008A and the Resolution Approving the Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure by the City of Portage for the Capital Improvement Refunding Bonds, Series 2015B.
- ◆ Approved the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Community Development Block Grant Fund contracts and General Fund human/public services contracts and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contracts on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Received the proposal to renew the current legal services contract with Attorney Randall L. Brown & Associates for City Attorney Services, approved an extension to the current contract through August 30, 2015, and authorized the City Manager to solicit informal proposals for City Attorney Services.
- ◆ Authorized payment in the amount of \$25,000 to Southwest Michigan First to support economic development activities in the City of Portage and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the matter.
- ◆ Authorized the purchase of thirteen 800MHz Motorola Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc., of Schaumburg, Illinois, through the State of Michigan purchasing program (MiDeal) at a cost not to exceed \$43,075 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the purchase.
- ◆ Awarded a sole-source contract for the Garden Lane #5 Pump Replacement and Motor Rehabilitation project to Peerless-Midwest, Incorporated, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$27,659 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved an exception to the City Council Rules of Order and Procedure by changing the meeting time for the July 7, 2015 City Council Meeting to 5:00 p.m. and authorized the City Manager to appropriately notice the meeting time change.
- ◆ Received the May 2015 Environmental Activity Report as Information Only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports as Information Only.

## BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a construction contract for the West Osterhout Avenue Reconstruction Project to Michigan Paving & Materials Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan, in an amount not to exceed \$995,833.55 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Accepted the low bid in the amount of \$53,329.47 from A1 Asphalt, Incorporated, to provide repairs to park asphalt trails and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Councilmember Reid shared that “Listening Post” will be this coming Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Hampton Inn in Portage. The topic will be regarding demographic shifts and placemaking. Councilmember Reid then extolled the virtues of the beauty of the State of Michigan.
- ◆ Councilmember Ford expressed hope that everyone had a great Father’s Day and wished everyone a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- ◆ Councilmember Randall shared some details about the new Parks and Arts program and shared information about upcoming activities and concerts, such as the Army Field Band and Soldier’s Chorus Concert and canoe rental.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Pearson invited the public to come and watch 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks at McCamley Field and shared that the display is sponsored by the Portage Rotary Club. He thanked Portage Public Schools and the City of Portage for their support. He also invited the public to make donations in support of the annual event.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas shared that he, along with Councilmembers Ansari and Ford, recently attended a meeting with State Senators regarding revenue sharing and the Personal Property Tax. He expressed optimism that the City of Portage and other municipalities would be made “whole” as it relates to the Personal Property Tax. Next, he mentioned that he attended a bank opening ceremony and that, with regard to recycling, there may be an opportunity for some income to offset the cost of the contract. Finally, he reminded the community that the Taste of Portage, sponsored by the Portage Athletic Foundation, was on the horizon along with many other community events.

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