

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

July 7, 2015

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Accounts Payable Register of July 7, 2015, as presented.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Authorized the additional software license agreement with New World Systems, Inc., to upgrade the current police records management and computer-aided-dispatch software, including data conversion, at a cost of \$491,275 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this agreement on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Authorized the City Manager to adjudicate all appeals made to the head of the public body of the City of Portage for a reduction of a fee assessed in response to a FOIA request for a public record search, the necessary copying of a public record for inspection, or for providing a copy of a public record, where the amount of the assessed fee does not exceed \$20,000.
- ◆ Received the City Manager communication regarding the Committee of the Whole Meetings Summary as information only.

## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ City Council received a communication from Annette Stewart regarding restaurants in Portage.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Adopted the resolution to sell city property located at 10323 Archwood Drive.
- ◆ Adopted the resolution to sell city property located at 1521 Helen Drive.

## BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a contract for sidewalk and curb repairs in the amount of \$49,791.20 to Northern Construction Services Corporation of Niles, Michigan, and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Authorized the purchase of ten sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at a cost not to exceed \$23,178.40 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the purchase on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas announced that he would be running for Mayor in November and indicated that he was humbled by the large number of people who called him to encourage him to run again, and listed some of them. He reviewed some of the changes that have taken place during his 25 years of public service to the City, both positive and negative, and indicated that Portage maintained fiscally conservative values throughout those times, controlled costs, provided excellent customer service and added a quality of life enjoyed by all in Portage. If elected, he pledged to work collaboratively with the City Council and the Administration so we can improve this great City over the next two years.
- ◆ Councilmembers Ansari, Reid and Ford and Mayor Pro Tem Pearson congratulated him on his decision and thanked him for his service. Councilmember Ansari also gave him his endorsement.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid encouraged citizens to go to the Overlander Bandshell at 7:00 p.m. to listen to the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus. She also encouraged citizens to attend the Celery Flats Music Festival, Sunday July 12, 2015, at Celery Flats Historical Area, 7366 Garden Lane, from 12:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., and the Taste of Portage, Saturday, July 18, 2015, from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., at the Overlander Bandshell with free admission from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., and a \$5.00 admission charge after 4:00 p.m. She noted that she heard that one bride-to-be plans to have her bachelorette party at the Taste of Portage.
- ◆ Councilmember Ford shared that he spent his 4<sup>th</sup> of July at Sleeping Bear Dunes where he had great weather, hoped everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and indicated that he would be attending the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus concert after the meeting.
- ◆ Councilmember Randall directed everyone to the front page of the *Portager* for the concert information mentioned by Councilmember Reid and let citizens know that tonight “kicks off” the Parks and Arts initiative which is an attempt to expand our cultural efforts in the City. She asked for support for the new Arts and Parks Director, and explained that most of the events are free to the public and family friendly. She announced that the event tonight at the Overlander Bandshell has a Holly Jolly Trolley that will transport attendees to and from Portage Central High School parking lot from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. She expressed kudos to the Public Safety Department since she cited a Police Officer patrolling on a bike for the past two weeks. Mayor Strazdas concurred and noted that all three Police Officers patrolled on bikes, July 4th.
- ◆ City Manager Shaffer acknowledged and thanked Parks staff and Parks Director Kendall Klingelsmith for their efforts with the concert series, Deb Droppers and the Portage Athletic Association for their fine effort with Taste of Portage. Mayor Strazdas concurred.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Pearson expressed his excitement for the direction the Parks Department is taking, and the investment in the Parks infrastructure, such as the Eliason Nature Preserve Project. He said that he is looking forward to Portage as a destination in the County owing to the investment in Portage Parks for hiking and bike riding. Mayor Strazdas concurred and thanked City Council for their collaboration, their ideas and for working with the City Manager’s Office in this regard.

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