

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Strazdas at 7:30 p.m.

At the request of Mayor Strazdas, Reverend Chad Wells of the First Baptist Church of Portage gave the invocation and the City Council and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk called the roll with the following members present: Councilmembers Elizabeth A. Campbell, Margaret E. O'Brien, Patricia M. Randall, Claudette S. Reid, Terry R. Urban and Mayor Peter J. Strazdas. Mayor Pro Tem Edward J. Sackley was absent with excuse. Also in attendance were Deputy City Manager Brian J. Bowling, City Attorney Randall Brown and City Clerk James R. Hudson.

**PROCLAMATION:** Mayor Strazdas issued a Childhood Obesity Awareness Week Proclamation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Reid, to approve the August 24, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

\* **CONSENT AGENDA:** Mayor Strazdas asked Councilmember Randall to read the Consent Agenda. Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to approve the Consent Agenda motions as presented. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

\* **APPROVAL OF CHECK REGISTER OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2010:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to approve the Check Register of September 7, 2010. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

### REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION:

\* **ORDINANCE AMENDMENT– DISTURBING THE PEACE:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to accept for first reading an ordinance amendment to the City of Portage Code of Ordinances, Chapter 50, Section 50-116 – Disturbing the Peace, and consider final adoption on September 21, 2010. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

\* **PROPOSED A TWO-YEAR LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PORTAGE AND THE PORTAGE POLICE COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to approve a two-year labor agreement between the City of Portage and the Portage Police Command Officers Association and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all documents on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

\* **NEXTEL MOBILE PHONE SERVICE:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to renew a service contract in an amount not to exceed \$23,000 with Sprint Solutions for Nextel mobile phone service through September 3, 2011, and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

\* **ANNUAL SERVICE MAINTENANCE AND LICENSING FOR COMPUTER NETWORK SERVICES:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to approve the annual Novell server maintenance and software licensing fees in the amount of \$21,840.72 to be provided through SARCOM and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

\* **ELECTION POLLING PLACES AND RATE OF COMPENSATION RESOLUTION:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to adopt the Resolution Designating Polling Places and Rate of Compensation for the November 2, 2010 General Election. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0. Resolution recorded on page 95 of City of Portage Resolution Book No. 44.

\* **SPECIAL MEETING WITH BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICANTS:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 2010, beginning at 5:15 p.m. to interview board and commission applicants. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

**MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** City Council received the minutes of the following Boards and Commissions:

Portage Historic District Commission of June 2, 2010.  
Portage Board of Education Organizational of July 12, Special of August 3, Policy Governance Retreat of August 12 and Policy Governance Retreat of August 13, 2010.  
Portage Park Board of August 4, 2010.

**BID TABULATION:**

\* **2011 MAJOR STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM:** Motion by Urban, seconded by Reid, to award a contract to perform engineering services for the 2011 Major Street Reconstruction Program to Prein & Newhof in the not-to-exceed amount of \$88,930 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 6 to 0.

**OTHER CITY MATTERS:**

**STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER:** Councilmember O'Brien announced the Open House for Lake Center Elementary School, 10011 Portage Road, Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. with the Dedication Ceremony at 5:30 p.m., and the Bronco Bash, Saturday, September 11, 2010, at Western Michigan University.

Councilmember Campbell indicated that the Lake Center Elementary School is amazing and reminded everyone of the Rotary Fundraiser prior to the Portage Northern High vs. Portage Central High football game.

Councilmember Reid indicated that because the City Council meetings are the first and third Tuesdays of the month for the rest of the calendar year, they will be televised on channel 20 instead of channel 21, except that the meeting tonight is being televised on channel 95. She also lamented the loss of Kalamazoo City Commissioner Terry Kuseske, who passed away on September 2 and praised him as a volunteer, as he was Planning Commission Chair and worked on the Public Safety Citizen Review Board and the Kalamazoo Transit Authority.

Councilmember Urban wished Dallas Williams well in his retirement and praised his work as Transportation and Utilities Director.

City Manager Maurice Evans indicated that the police officers at the corner of Currier Drive, Centre Avenue and Mustang Boulevard this morning will probably be on duty there again tomorrow because of the need to fabricate a bracket for the signal light.

Mayor Strazdas concurred with Councilmember Urban regarding Dallas Williams and indicated that the city is in good hands with newly appointed Chris Barnes, and asked all to drive carefully now that the students are back in school.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

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James R. Hudson, City Clerk

\*Indicates items included on the Consent Agenda.