

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

April 27, 2010

PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued the 59th Annual National Day of Prayer Proclamation; the National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Proclamation; the Optimist Internet Safety Month Proclamation; the National Arbor Day Proclamation; and the Public Service Recognition Week Proclamation.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of April 27, 2010, as presented.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Dale Shugars, 1185 Tanager Lane, Oshtemo, and Justin Vander Ark, 803 Fletcher Avenue, Kalamazoo Township, thanked City Council for their support for the Home Expo that recently took place at the former Sam's Club Building on Mall Drive. They also expressed their appreciation for the efforts of city staff and the Meyer C. Weiner Company for the excellent venue that the location provided. They indicated that 190 companies participated, ten non-profit booths, including the Portage Rotary, with over 15,000 visitors which is 30% more than last year.
- ◆ Greg Wager, 5936 Concord Street, expressed concerns regarding cut-through traffic and car stereo boom box noise on Concord Street and traffic noise on Milham Avenue. Discussion followed. Mayor Strazdas referred the matter to the Administration for review.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution setting a public hearing on May 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 proposed city budget and the proposed 2010 tax levy, as computed in accordance with Public Act 5 of 1982.
- ◆ Established a public hearing for May 11, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard to consider resolutions to adopt a sewer commodity rate increase from \$3.95 to \$4.65 per 1,000 gallons of metered water; adopt a water commodity rate increase from \$2.60 to \$3.01 per 1,000 gallons of metered water; adopt the recommendation that adjustments be made to both the sewer and water basic quarterly charges; and adopt the recommended water and sewer franchise area fees and other service fees and charges as outlined in the 2010 Utility Rate Financial Study.
- ◆ Approved the agreement between TDS Metrocom and the City of Portage for the provision of telephone services for a three-year period at an approximate annual cost of \$51,637 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Granted the request to transfer ownership of the 2009 Class C Licensed Business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, (RZR Partners Kalamazoo, Inc.), located in escrow at 241 Kalamazoo, Suite 101, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, Kalamazoo County, from Gary Fields Club II, L.L.C., to RZR Partners Kalamazoo, Inc., and transfer location (Governmental Unit) (MCL 436.1531(1)) to 7638 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the March 2010 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Accepted the low bid submitted by Suburban Mechanical Company in the amount of \$47,550 for boiler and air conditioning upgrades at Fire Station #2 and boiler replacement in City Hall and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a contract to the sole responsive bidder, First Due Fire Supply, of Leslie, Michigan, in the amount of \$46,484.50 for the replacement of Fire Department personal protective clothing and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents relating to this contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a contract to the low bidder C. L. Moberley Construction in the not-to-exceed amount of \$37,762.32 for the repair of selected city sidewalks and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Accepted the low bid submitted by Clear Visions, Incorporated, in the amount of \$32,000 for replacement windows at the Portage Senior Center and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Campbell thanked Councilmembers O'Brien and Urban for attending the Opening Day Ceremony at South Portage Little League.
- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien reciprocated by thanking her for all of her efforts with the success of the Opening Day Ceremony at South Portage Little League. She also thanked all of the volunteers at the high schools and all sports leagues and expressed her amazement of the talent on the various teams as a result of these volunteer efforts in Portage. She thanked Councilmember Randall for bringing the issue of assessments to the attention of City Council, as she received a valuable education as a result, and she was assured by the process that all of City Council share a desire for accuracy in assessments.
- ◆ City Manager Evans expressed his gratitude to Parks Director Bill Deming and his staff for putting on the fishing camp at Ramona Park.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas thanked Councilmember Randall for raising the awareness of assessments over the past months. He also expressed special kudos to Deputy City Clerk Adam Herringa for his fine Greenathon Event at Celery Flats with the Youth Council, and he thanked Councilmember O'Brien for forming the Youth Advisory Committee. He noted that he attended the Portage Senior Center Annual Volunteer Luncheon event where 259 volunteers were recognized who work on activities for seniors and congratulated all city volunteers. Finally, he mentioned that there are eight (8) young men who will receive their Eagle Scout designation on Sunday, and Councilmember O'Brien interjected that Youth Advisory Committee Member Fatima Mirza received the Star Award.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF EACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT PORTAGEMLGOV, IN CITY HALL AND IN THE DISTRICT LIBRARY. MINUTES OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.