

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

May 11, 2010

PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Center of the World for PickleBall Proclamation and a “Parents Who Host Lose the Most: Don’t Be a Party to Teenage Drinking” Month Proclamation.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of May 11, 2010, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution to establish a millage rate not-to-exceed 0.0714 mills above the base tax rate as defined by State of Michigan Public Act 5 of 1982.
- ◆ Adopted the 2010 sewer and water rate Resolutions establishing sewer and water utility rates, sewer and water franchise area fees and service fees and charges as outlined in the 2010 Utility Rate Financial Study and as recommended by the Administration and the City Council Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Referred the petition from Samuel M. Brown representing Fazoli’s Restaurant, 5709 South Westnedge Avenue, requesting the approval of the use of 4x6 foot banners for businesses along South Westnedge Avenue between Kilgore Road and West Milham Avenue to the Administration for review and report.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program FY 2010-11 Annual Action Plan element of the Consolidated Plan and authorized the Administration to submit the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- ◆ Approved Contract 10-5306 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Portage concerning funding for street and utility improvements on West Milham Avenue from 165 feet west of Angling Road to 12th Street; approved an engineering services contract with Driesenga & Associates, Incorporated, for construction inspection and administration on West Milham Avenue from 165 feet west of Angling Road to 12th Street in the not-to-exceed amount of \$126,220; adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Contract 10-5306 on behalf of the city; and authorized the City Manager to sign all other documents relating to both the consultant contract and the Michigan Department of Transportation contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the agreement with Consumers Energy for undergrounding overhead utility lines and installation of new streetlights on South Westnedge Avenue from Dawnlee Avenue to I-94 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the agreement on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the lease of 55 Hewlett Packard replacement computers and 2 Panasonic replacement tough books from Capital Advantage Leasing of Grand Rapids, Michigan, at a lease price of \$61,716.80 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Accepted the order of the Construction Board of Appeals to demolish the house located at 10323 Archwood Drive; and authorized the City Administration to take the necessary action to demolish the house at 10323 Archwood Drive, place a lien and assess the property to recover the costs associated with demolition consistent with the ordinance.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, beginning at 5:45 p.m. to interview youth applicants to fill openings on the Youth Advisory Committee and Boards and Commissions.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Approving a Fifth Amendment to the Urban Cooperation Act Agreement which established the Public Media Network to permit the City of Portage to become a Member Public Agency and approved a Memorandum of Understanding related thereto; appointed Mayor Pro Tem Sackley and Councilmember Reid to serve at the pleasure of the City Council and appointed Don Ramlow to a three-year citizen-at-large position effective immediately with term ending on May 31, 2013, and Jeremy Verehof to a two-year citizen-at-large position effective immediately with term ending on May 31, 2012, to serve on the Public Media Network Board of Directors on behalf of the City of Portage; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- ◆ Reappointed William Koopsen and Lawrence Schmidt and appointed George Theodoru to the citizen-at-large position with terms ending June 1, 2013, and appointed Carl Compton to the master electrician position with unfulfilled term ending June 1, 2012, and waived the term limitation and reappointed Bill Miller to the mechanical contractor position with term ending June 1, 2011, to the Construction Board of Appeals; reappointed James Cheesebro and Paul Welch and appointed Mark Siegfried with terms ending May 31, 2013, to the Planning Commission; appointed Ruth Caputo with the unfulfilled term ending October 1, 2010, to the Environmental Board; appointed Matt Tanis with the unfulfilled term ending October 1, 2012, to the Park Board; and appointed Dorie Ehrig with the unfulfilled term ending December 31, 2011, to the Historic District Commission.

BID TABULATION

- ◆ Accepted the low bid submitted by Premier Roofing and Exteriors in the amount of \$40,880 for insulation upgrades in City Hall and the 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

- ◆ With regards to her work with Junior Achievement, Councilmember Campbell announced that Mr. Henderson's fifth Grade Class won an award for marketing an Ice Cream Sundae product that included a business plan and advertising.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid acknowledged the extremely well-qualified applicants who interviewed for the various Boards and Commissions and expressed her appreciation to applicants who are willing to volunteer their time.
- ◆ Councilmember Urban recognized the excellent work of Planning Commission Chair Tom Fox, who was replaced because of term limitation. He also recognized the City of Kalamazoo as a favored and cooperative "sister city to the north."
- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien recognized the excellent work of Construction Board of Appeals Chair Tom Wilkinson, who was replaced because of term limitation, mentioned attendance at the Day of Prayer with mayor Pro Tem Sackley and encouraged everyone to attend the Work Day at Bicentennial Park, Friday, May 14, 2010, sponsored by the Builders Association. She also reminded everyone that the Race to the Cure is on May 16, 2010, Downtown, Kalamazoo.
- ◆ City Manager Evans congratulated Parks Director Bill Deming and his staff for receiving a Bronze Award from *American Bicyclist*.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley lamented the passing of *Kalamazoo Gazette* Reporter Charlotte Channing and remembered her as tough, smart, fair, feared and always professional, and expressed kind thoughts to her family.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Sackley and indicated that Ms. Channing was tenacious and spunky, also. He also mentioned that the City of Portage has eight new Eagle Scouts, announced that Portage Northern Forensics Team won first in the state for the ninth time in a row and expressed his appreciation for the youth and adult engagement in the community in Portage.

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