

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

June 8, 2010

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of June 8, 2010, as presented.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution awarding the bid for the City of Portage Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2010, in the amount of \$3,850,000 to Wells Fargo Advisors at 3.808149%.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Designating Polling Places and Rate of Compensation for the August 3, 2010 Primary Election.
- ◆ Ordered notice to applicable property owners that all water and/or sewer charges remaining unpaid as of June 30, 2010, will be transferred to the 2010 city tax roll and assessed against property for which the services were furnished.
- ◆ Accepted Rezoning Application #09-02 for first reading and set a public hearing for July 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard; and subsequent to the public hearing, consider approving Rezoning Application #09-02 and rezone the area from R-1C, one family residential, and R-1T, attached residential, to R-1B, one family residential, with the exception of 9842 Oakland Drive.
- ◆ Approved a one-year contract with Kalamazoo In Bloom and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Held a closed session immediately following the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of June 8, 2010, to discuss an attorney/client communication.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Disposition of Legal Matters as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding assessing-related questions raised at the May 25, 2010 City Council Meeting as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the provision of Ambulance Services within the City of Portage as information only.

## BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Approved a contract with Michigan Paving & Materials Company to provide reconstruction to selected local streets and asphalt surface repairs to isolated sections of major streets in the not-to-exceed amount of \$645,425.34, approved the added expenditure of approximately \$153,000 for additional street repair at unit pricing within this contract and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the low bid from HouseWorks Service, Incorporated, for cleaning maintenance of park facilities for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$16,080, with an option for a contract renewal up to three years and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

## STUDENT APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- ◆ Appointed Eric Alden, Taylor Bruinwood, Lauren Centers, Sujay Dewan, Abhiram Krishnan, Humza Mirza, George Norg, Matthew Cartier, Andrew Chen, Matt Chen, Leonardo Fernandez, Kitu Komya, Sarah Perry, Ryan Poniedzielski, Maddie Sandmeyer and Nolan Stoffer with terms ending June 30, 2011, to the Youth Advisory Committee; appointed Alexander Bullard-Marshall with term ending June 30, 2011, to the Environmental Board; appointed Tyler Harper with term ending June 30, 2011, to the Historic District Commission; appointed Kyle Huitt with term ending June 30, 2011, to the Human Services board; appointed Tucker Webb with term ending June 30, 2011, to the Park Board; and appointed Fatima Mirza with term ending June 30, 2011, to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

## STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Jim Carroll, 401 Gingham, expressed appreciation for the research and the report provided by City Manager Maurice Evans and Fire Chief Randy Lawton in Item F.9, Ambulance Services in the City of Portage – Information Only. He also asked for a public notice informing those who have emergency medical services (EMS) subscriptions to Pride Care EMS that they are not covered by Life EMS and vice versa. Mayor Strazdas expressed heartfelt condolences to Mr. Carroll for the loss of his wife and thanked Mr. Carroll for keeping the public aware of this issue.

## CLOSED SESSION

- ◆ Denied the appeal from Mary Beers, 6069 Celery Street, regarding the request for Police Department Records Case #05-7135 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and directed the City Clerk to provide notice to Mary Beers.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmembers Randall and Reid, Mayor Pro Tem Sackley and Mayor Strazdas shared their experiences at the Kalamazoo Central High School Commencement of the Class of 2010 and the visit by President Barack Obama as the keynote speaker. Councilmember O'Brien recognized the work performed by Mayor Strazdas in his capacity as Western Michigan University Associate Vice President for Facilities Management that helped make the event very successful.
- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien also reminded everyone of the Portage Soccer Classic, June 11 through June 13, 2010, Portage, and the Kalamazoo Soccer Showcase, June 26 and 27, 2010, Kalamazoo, and thanked the youth who volunteered to participate on the Youth Advisory Committee and as liaisons to the Environmental Board, the Historic District Commission, the Human Services Board, the Park Board and the Senior Citizen Advisory Board.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley indicated that a recent visit to Mann+Hummel revealed that they have brought 100 workers to the Portage facility between May, 2009, and May, 2010, and had to move the distribution process to the MidLink facility for shipment to all parts of the country and overseas because of being overcapacity.
- ◆ Councilmembers O'Brien and Urban shared their Memorial Day Parade experiences and Mayor Strazdas thanked City Council for participating in the parade and thanked the community for helping make the visit by President Obama possible and for helping to make the event such a success.

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