

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

June 22, 2010

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of June 22, 2010, as presented.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ KCTA Board Vice Chairman Greg Rosine, 2526 Pine Ridge Road, Kalamazoo, provided a Presentation on behalf of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority.
- ◆ James Chamness, 5701 East Cork Street, Kalamazoo, presented City Council with a letter of retraction of his remarks made in his letter dated March 3, 2009, and his statements to the Portage City Council at the March 10 and March 24, 2009 Regular City Council Meetings.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Community Development Block Grant Fund contracts and General Fund human/public services contracts and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a contract in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000 for the continued consulting services of Joyce Foondle, Southwest Michigan Government Consultants, for assistance in the Office of the City Assessor and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a contract to the sole source provider, Road Safety International, Inc., of Thousand Oaks, California, in the amount of \$16,500 for the purchase of the Safe Force Driving System and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a permit for a proposed fireworks display on July 3, 2010, sponsored by the Portage Rotary Club.
- ◆ Went into closed session immediately following the regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, June 22, 2010, to discuss a personnel matter.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the May 2010 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a contract for maintenance of the city traffic signal system from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2013, to Windemuller Electric, Incorporated, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$125,700 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the purchase of Hewlett-Packard consolidated storage equipment from SARCOM, Incorporated, at a total cost of \$42,310 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a contract for the Westfield Well #2 Pump and Motor Rehabilitation to Peerless-Midwest, Incorporated, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$15,600 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas deferred to Councilmember Urban, who indicated that the committee used the same evaluation instrument that was used in the past and, because of the financial difficulties of the State, County and City of Portage, City Manager Maurice Evans asked that the committee not consider a salary increase or a meritorious bonus, so the committee did not discuss this option, but would have considered an increase and a bonus under normal economic conditions. Councilmember Urban said that City Council feels Mr. Evans again achieved an overall rating of Exceeds Expectations.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien reminded everyone of the parades and fireworks forthcoming to celebrate July 4.
- ◆ City Manager Evans expressed his appreciation for the City of Portage when he indicated that, even with the current challenging economic times, there is nowhere else he would rather be than in this community.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley indicated that City Manager Evans is the right person at the right time and pointed out that he brings out the best in everyone - City Council, staff and volunteers.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas concurred with Mayor Pro Tem Sackley and stated that it was difficult to work through tough times and still maintain quality departments and thanked Mr. Evans for his efforts. Mayor Strazdas also thanked the Salvation Army for the Food for Haiti campaign at the old Sam's Club location on Mall Drive and congratulated area residents for producing more bags of food for Haiti than the City of Chicago.

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