

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

July 27, 2010

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued an Americans With Disabilities Act Proclamation.

CHECK REGISTER

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2 renaming the street, Avalon Woods Circle, to Avalon Woods Court.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution of Intent to Approve Second Amendment to Development Agreement Selling Real Estate to H&G, LLC, and place the resolution on file in the Office of the City Clerk for 28 days and will consider final action to approve the agreement on August 24, 2010.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution to Relinquish a Water Main Easement, placed the Resolution on file with the City Clerk for 28 days and will take final action on August 24, 2010.
- ◆ Confirmed City Manager appointments to the Local Development Finance Authority by adopting the Resolution to Appoint Members to the Local Development Finance Authority of the City of Portage.
- ◆ Approved a two-year extension of a professional service contract with Quadrant II Marketing to provide advertising sales and publication preparation of the Portage Senior Center monthly newsletter at a yearly cost not to exceed \$14,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Held a closed session immediately following the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of July 27, 2010 to discuss an attorney/client communication.
- ◆ Received a communication from the City Manager regarding the June 2010 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

- ◆ Adopted the 2010-2011 Advisory Boards and Commissions Goals and Objectives and requested that various boards and commissions provide a report to City Council on an annual basis.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Denied an appeal by Mr. Jerry McNeely for the reason that his request for public records under the Freedom of Information Act was granted and he was furnished all records that pertained to his request. However, the motion was supplemented by asking City Administration to deliver a duplicate copy of the materials previously provided at no cost. Additionally, in an abundance of caution, as a one-time courtesy, the documents will be provided by a method indicating that delivery was accepted.

BID TABULATION

- ◆ Approved the low bid from J. Allen and Company, Incorporated, to provide repairs to selected major street bike lanes in the not-to-exceed amount of \$21,045.40 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Reid commented that the Environmental Report indicated that groundwater levels have remained stable despite five inches of rain since June and that the City continues to monitor water levels. She also mentioned the upcoming performances of *Alice in Wonderland* at the Hayloft Theater. Councilmember Reid then read a statement in response to comments related to tax assessments made by two individuals who spoke during the public comment section of the most recent City Council meeting, Dr. Elloru and State Representative Jones.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley thanked Councilmember Reid and offered comments regarding the 2nd annual Paddlefest. He then commented on a pipeline leak that has resulted in at least 800,000 gallons of petroleum being released into Talmadge Creek which has subsequently flowed into the Kalamazoo River. Mayor Pro Tem Sackley asked City Administration to provide a report on any pipelines in Portage that go near lakes, streams and other bodies of water. He asked that the report reflect transmission of not just oil but other fluids as well, including sanitary sewer trunks, and that a map be provided. Finally, Mayor Pro Tem Sackley commented on a recent *Kalamazoo Gazette* article regarding items that Councilmember Reid referenced in her statement.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas commented that he had been out of town at a number of localities and stated that, when he travels, he realizes how he misses the City of Portage. He commented that every area is facing challenges but that Portage, thankfully, does not have as many challenges as others. He concluded by stating that he is pleased with the low level of taxes and high level of service in Portage.

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