

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

December 7, 2010

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of December 7, 2010, as presented.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Chose not to determine the membership size of the 2011 Board of Review.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution setting the dates and times for the 2011 March Board of Review sessions.
- ◆ Approved one-year contract renewals for employee health insurance with Blue Care Network (HMO), Priority Health (HMO) and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan (PPO and Traditional), and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the contract with Kalamazoo County for Household Hazardous Waste collection during the 2011 calendar year in the not-to-exceed amount of \$32,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the one-year lease extension through Capital Advantage Leasing for two IBM i5 Model 515 servers at a cost of \$16,932 with a \$1.00 end-of-lease buyout and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a one-year contract in the amount of \$11,250.01 for 9-1-1 maintenance, with the option to annually renew provided the terms, conditions and price do not change, and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution for Charitable Gaming License recognizing the Portage Northern Band and Orchestra Parents as a nonprofit organization in the City of Portage.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to interview board and commission applicants.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the 2010 Council Goal Session-Work Items / Priorities as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the 2010 Tax Rate Survey as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Clerk regarding the November 2, 2010 General Election Results as information only.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Received the presentation by Environmental Board Chairperson Jason Howard.
- ◆ Received a communication from Jason Howard, Chairperson of the Environmental Board, submitting the 2010 Purple Loosestrife Program Report.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Councilmember O'Brien extended praise to Portage athletic teams, congratulated the Portage Northern High School Swimming Team that recently won the District Championship and noted that people from all over the state and country were present at the Portage Northern High School Library/Media Center Open House. She also recognized the tree-lighting ceremony as an efficient and fun event, the social services day at Kalamazoo Expo Center and the former State Senator Tom George and State Representative Larry DeShazor for their fine efforts.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid expressed her appreciation that city employees are able to keep health costs down by participating in the Health Management Program and staying healthy. She also listed all of the Boards and Commissions in need of applicants to be interviewed January 11, 2011: Board of Review, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Historic District Commission and the Youth Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley echoed the need for applicants on the Boards and Commissions and emphasized the need to fill the Planning Commission vacancy owing to the election by City Council of Cory Bailes to fill the seat soon to be vacated by Councilmember O'Brien, who will serve as State Representative for the 61<sup>st</sup> District. He also recognized Deputy Parks Director Barry Bacon, Parks Director Bill Deming and the Park Board, the Portage Northern Songleaders Chorale and the efforts of local historian, Steve Rossio, for their work on the Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 4. Finally, he announced that Congressman Fred Upton was appointed to be the Chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee and explained how important that was for the State of Michigan and the country.

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