

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

March 8, 2011

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of March 8, 2011, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Approved Ordinance Amendment 10-B, Home Occupation Ordinance and adopted the resolution establishing an application fee of \$150.00 for active home occupations.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Former Mayor Betty Lee Ongley, 8620 Tozer Court, mentioned that it is the 100th Anniversary of National Women's Day celebrated around the world and personally thanked Councilmember Reid in her absence, Councilmembers Randall and Campbell and former Councilmember and State Representative O'Brien, who was in the audience.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Accepted the Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 24, Article 5, Safety, Sanitation and Health, with provisions for nuisance abatement and cost recovery, for first reading; subsequent to the second reading on March 22, 2011, will consider approval of the Ordinance Amendment; and will consider adoption of the resolution establishing the nuisance abatement fee.
- ◆ Accepted Ordinance Amendment 10-A, Keeping of Chickens and Other Animals, for first reading and set a public hearing for April 12, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard; subsequent to the public hearing, consider approval of Ordinance Amendment 10-A, Keeping of Chickens and Other Animals; and will consider adoption of the resolution establishing a permit fee for the keeping of chickens and other animals.
- ◆ Accepted the proposed amendments to Chapter 2, Article 7, Section 2-293 of the Code of Ordinances for the Senior Citizens Advisory Board to lower the age for advisory board members and Section 2-297 to clarify distribution of records, for first reading; subsequent to the second reading on March 22, 2011, will consider for approval; and will consider approval of the revised Senior Citizen Advisory Board rules of operation.
- ◆ Reapproved the Final Plan for Greenspire Retail (Phase I), 3201 West Centre Avenue.
- ◆ Referred three mixed use Zoning Code proposals, as recommended by the Housing and Neighborhoods Ad Hoc Committee, to the Planning Commission for consideration and initiated the Zoning Code amendment process.
- ◆ Approved a one-year agreement for comprehensive liability, property and auto fleet insurance through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority at a total not-to-exceed cost of \$531,557 for the period of March 1, 2011, to March 1, 2012, and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the installation of the Andover Woods residential subdivision signs in the public right-of-way and authorized the City Manager to execute the Portage Andover Woods Sign Islands Agreement.
- ◆ Approved the budget amendment to the Leaf Pickup Spring Cleanup Fund to provide funds needed to clean up storm damage which occurred on February 20 and 21, 2011.

COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Received the communication from Mr. David Artley, Director of the Office of Resource Development for the Kalamazoo County Government, regarding the Kalamazoo Local Housing Assistance Fund Four Year Report, and the communication from the City Manager with additional background information regarding the Kalamazoo County Local Housing Assistance Fund as information only.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Received the presentation by Mayor Strazdas regarding the recent activity of the City Council Community Survey Committee.
- ◆ Received the presentation by Councilmember Urban regarding the recent activity of the City Council Housing and Neighborhoods Committee.
- ◆ Received the presentation by Councilmember Randall regarding the recent activity of the City Council Property Committee.
- ◆ Received the presentation by Councilmember Campbell regarding the Customer Service Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Voted to engage the City Manager Salary Review/Evaluation Committee to review the salary and contract with City Manager Evans.

BID TABULATION

- ◆ Awarded a contract to CMP Distributors Inc. in the amount of \$43,394.40 for replacement protective ballistic vests for all sworn police officers 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 Randall reminded Portage citizens that the Assessment Change Notices have been sent to Portage taxpayers and that the Board of Review begins Friday, March 14, 2011.
- ◆ Councilmember Bailes reminded everyone that the 2011 Home Expo will be held March 9 through 12, 2011, at 665 Mall Drive, in the former Sam's Club building.
- ◆ City Manager Maurice Evans indicated that cleanup from the ice storm of February 20 and 21 would be folded into the regular April brush pick-up operation.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas implored Portage residents who qualify, or who know of someone who qualifies, to apply for up to \$25,000 from the \$135,000 received from the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to rehabilitate their home.

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