

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

April 12, 2011

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Fair Housing Resolution.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of April 12, 2011, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Amended the City of Portage Code of Ordinances by amending Section 42-121 of Chapter 42, Land Development Regulations, by adding Section 42-121(D), Keeping Certain Animals as an Accessory Use, also known as Ordinance Amendment 10-A, and adopted the resolution establishing an application fee of \$50 for applications involving the keeping of up to six chickens and eliminated Section 42-121.D.3.j.3 and all of Section 42-121.D.3.k from the proposed ordinance.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Received the Presentation of the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-12 Budget from City Manager Maurice Evans.
- ◆ Adopted the Bond Resolution authorizing the sale of Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2011, in the amount of \$1,700,000; and the Resolution Approving the Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure by the City of Portage for the Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2011.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Authorizing Refunding of the City of Portage Building Authority Bonds, Series 1998, 2001 and 2002 and the Resolution to Approve of the Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure.
- ◆ Received the proposed Medical Marihuana Ordinance amendment to the Zoning Code, and referred the ordinance to the Planning Commission for consideration and initiation of the Zoning Code amendment process, with submission of the recommendation on the amendment not later than June 3, 2011.
- ◆ Accepted for first reading an ordinance to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portage to grant the Kalamazoo Family Non-Profit Housing Corporation a tax exemption, established a payment in lieu of taxes for 1506 Schuring Road and voted to take final action on April 26, 2011.
- ◆ Approved the purchase of software upgrades through CORE Technology Corporation in the amount of \$16,750 for Talon Client – Law Enforcement Information Network systems for crime analysis, crime mapping, and data sharing and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the purchase.
- ◆ Accepted the Farmland and Open Space Preservation Application from Stephen Woolam, 7905 West RS Avenue, Texas Township.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, beginning at 5:30 p.m. to interview board and commission applicants.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Tree City USA Tree Planting and Proclamation as information only.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Received the Presentation by Mike Zajac, Portage Park Board Chair.
- ◆ Received the communication from the Planning Commission regarding the City of Portage Fiscal Year 2011-2021 Capital Improvement Program.
- ◆ Voted to have the Customer Service Committee look into creating a Council Policy that would open up the use of City Hall by elected officials (with day time being exempt), to possibly look into reimbursement for weekends and after hours for cost incurred, to consider how scheduling would be handled and to consider or discuss reimbursement for weekends and after hours for cost for elected officials outside campaign times, not that there has to be a charge schedule.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Received the information from the Ad Hoc Sign Committee and referred the proposed business banner sign language to the Planning Commission for consideration and to initiate the Zoning Code amendment process.
- ◆ Received the presentation by Councilmember Reid regarding the recent activity of the City Council Community Survey Committee.

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- ◆ Approved the purchase of one Hewlett Packard Proliant server for \$10,909 provided through PC Mall Gov and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Bryan Mohney, 7911 Lake Wood Drive, asked how to obtain permits for chicken coops and pens under the new ordinance and was informed that the Community Development Department would handle all permits.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Campbell offered congratulations to Alan Reiff for being awarded the Rotary Man Of the Year.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid indicated that the Community Action Agency experienced some difficulties in funding, but is still in existence.
- ◆ City Manager Maurice Evans invited everyone to a Special Meeting of Portage City Council, Kalamazoo City Commission and Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, 7 p.m., Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo, to receive a presentation on consolidation of services to reduce costs. Mayor Strazdas concurred.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF EACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT PORTAGEMI.GOV, IN CITY HALL AND IN THE DISTRICT LIBRARY. MINUTES OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.