

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

May 10, 2011

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of May 10, 2011, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution to establish a millage rate not-to-exceed 0.1604 mills above the base tax rate as defined by the State of Michigan Public Act 5 of 1982.
- ◆ Adopted the 2011 sewer and water rate Resolutions establishing sewer and water rates, sewer and water franchise area fees and service fees and charges as outlined in the 2011 Utility Rate Financial Study and as recommended by the Administration and the City Council Water and Sewer Rate Study Committee.

## PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Charles Pasko, 5526 Meredith Street, issued a complaint against a contractor who left junk items and a mess along the creek in his back yard.
- ◆ James Pearson, 3004 East Shore Drive, expressed his appreciation to City Council for the follow-up information regarding posting of committee and subcommittee meetings on the City of Portage website.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program FY 2011-15 Consolidated Plan and FY 2011-12 Annual Action Plan; authorized the City Manager to execute and submit the documents to the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and accepted as information the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.
- ◆ Accepted Rezoning Application #10-01 for first reading and set a public hearing for June 14, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard; and subsequent to the public hearing, will consider approving Rezoning Application #10-01 and rezone the seven parcels/lots from I-1, light industry and R-1C, one family residential, to OS-1, office service.
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2 for the Trade Centre Way Relocation Project #997-R, setting a public hearing of necessity on May 24, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.
- ◆ Voted to maintain the proposed park-related budget reductions in the 2011-12 fiscal year as modified in the report from Parks and Recreation Director William M. Deming dated April 29, 2011.
- ◆ Approved a grant agreement with the Michigan Department of State for the purchase of laptop computers and accessories to support the implementation of Electronic Poll Books in the City of Portage voting precincts, and authorized the City Manager to sign the agreement and all other documents related to this grant program on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Granted the request to transfer ownership of the escrowed 2010 Resort Class C license, issued under MCL 436.1531(4), minimum seating 100, located at 5341 South Westnedge Avenue, Portage, MI 49002, Kalamazoo County, from Quick Casual Corporation (Bennigan's) to OC of Michigan, Inc. (Old Chicago).
- ◆ Received the correspondence from American Village Builders, LLC.
- ◆ Held a closed session immediately following the Regular City Council Meeting of May 10, 2011, to discuss an attorney/client communication.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the posting of City Council Committee Meetings as information only.

## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Received the presentation by Historic District Commission Chairperson Mark Reile.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Awarded a contract to the Kercher Center for Social Research at Western Michigan University in the amount of \$10,019 to conduct the 2011 Portage Community Survey and authorized the City Manager to execute all related documents.
- ◆ Approved the revised Investment Policy as recommended by the Investment Committee and City Administration.
- ◆ Received a presentation by Councilmember Elizabeth Campbell regarding the recent activity of the City Council Customer Service Committee.
- ◆ Received a presentation by Councilmember Claudette Reid regarding the recent activity of the City Council Business and the City of Portage Committee.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Appointed Elaine Abee, Eric Alden, Renee Beranek, Taylor Bruinwood, Catherine Cartier, Matthew Cartier, Sujay Dewan, Ali Fulling, Kyle Huitt, Kitu Komya, Madelyn Krenselewski, Abhiram Krishnan, Kelcie McGowan, Kasia Mietusiewicz, Humza Mirza, Brittany Muraoka, Sarah Perry, Nate Rajpoot, Avery Roper Beebe, Genevieve Sertic, Carly Siko, Nolan Stoffer, Reinie Thomas, Tucker Webb, Chelsea Williams, Tori Wilson and Lai Zhexuan with terms ending June 30, 2012, to the Youth Advisory Committee pending a Resolution to be presented at the next Regular City Council Meeting to increase membership; appointed Sarah Perry with term ending June 30, 2012, as Youth Participant to the Environmental Board; reappointed Kyle Huitt with term ending June 30, 2012, as Youth Participant to the Human Services Board; reappointed Tucker Webb with term ending June 30, 2012, as Youth Participant to the Park Board; appointed Kitu Komya with term ending June 30, 2012, as Youth Participant to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board; reappointed John Kounelis and Bill Leach with terms ending June 1, 2014, and appointed Gary Gilchrist with unfulfilled term ending June 1, 2012, to the Construction Board of Appeals; reappointed Miko Dargitz, Bill Patterson and Allan Reiff with terms ending May 31, 2014, to the Planning Commission; appointed Tim Winslow with unfulfilled term ending October 1, 2011, to the Environmental Board; appointed Nadeem Mirza with unfulfilled term ending October 1, 2011, to the Human Services Board.

**CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ Upheld the disclosure denial of Scott Anderson for the reason that the one page NLETS and the 9-PAGE LEIN records can not be released due to provisions of Michigan State Law.

**BID TABULATIONS**

- ◆ Approved the purchase of one staff sedan at a total cost of \$13,368 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a purchase from Office Depot in the amount of \$12,875 for office furnishings related to the relocation of the Parks Department and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

**STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS**

- ◆ James Pearson, 3004 East Shore Drive, expressed an interest in placing satisfaction with neighborhood streets back into the survey and announced for the second time that a public hearing will be held by the Governmental Austin Lake Board at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, 2011, City Hall Council Chambers on the practicability of doing Bioaugmentation and Aeration of Austin Lake.

**STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER**

- ◆ Councilmember Randall congratulated Portage Northern High School Forensics Team for taking their tenth consecutive Michigan State Title and to Portage Central High School Forensics Team for placing Second in the State last weekend.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley mentioned that the State Farm Insurance Company has consolidated operations by closing all of its offices but two, one in Livonia and one in Portage. He also talked about the visit from U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, who signed and delivered to Governor Rick Snyder a \$199,309,608.00 Federal grant check this afternoon at downtown Detroit's Amtrak station that will pay to upgrade rail lines and enable high-speed passenger train service between Dearborn and Kalamazoo. He also announced the Riparian Association Meeting that will precede the Governmental Austin Lake Board by two days, Monday, May 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at Lake Center Elementary School to discuss the practicability of the Bioaugmentation and Aeration of Austin Lake.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas expressed appreciation to the community for recently coming together with: the Portage Crop Hunger Walk 2011 where 471 walkers raised over \$33,000; Golf for the Arts to raise funds for the Summer Entertainment Series; the AFE group of KRESA where businesses provide opportunities for youth to job shadow; and, the National Day of Prayer.

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