

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

August 23, 2011

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Accounts Payable Register of August 23, 2011, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Approved Ordinance Amendment 10-E, Mixed-Use Zoning Ordinances, as presented for first reading on July 21, 2011, with a minor revision to Section 42-112, Definitions, Work/Live Building where a period would be added after the word “family” and the rest would be deleted.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Received the information from Mayor Pro Tem Sackley that the Thursday, August 25, 4:30 p.m., Public Media Network Board of Directors Meeting, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Kalamazoo, has been cancelled.
- ◆ Awarded a two-year contract renewal to Delta Dental Plan of Michigan and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract renewal on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Awarded a three-year contract renewal to Michigan Employees’ Retirement System (MERS) for the administration and investment of the Other Post Employment Benefit Trust Fund and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a one-year contract renewal with Republic Services of Michigan Hauling, LLC, dba Republic Waste Services of Western Michigan, to provide up to three compactor trucks with operators at an hourly rate of \$117.75 for the 2011 Fall Leaf Pickup Program in the not to exceed amount of \$38,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved amendment of the 1986 Urban Cooperation Agreement to Establish a Public Art Commission to remove the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce from the membership of the commission, add the Kalamazoo County Convention and Visitors Bureau (dba Discover Kalamazoo) to the membership of the commission and authorized the City Manager to execute all related documents on behalf of the City of Portage.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the July 2011 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Granted the request to transfer ownership of 2011 Class C Licensed Business with Dance-Entertainment Permit, Located at 7638-7640 S. Westnedge, Portage, MI 49002, Kalamazoo County from RYR Partners Kalamazoo, Inc. to EOA, LLC (Jac’s Pizza).
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Referred the request of the Historic District Commission regarding a proposed Historic District Commission ordinance amendment to the City Administration for further review and development of an ordinance amendment, as appropriate.

## BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Approved the purchase of ice control salt from Morton Salt Company in the low bid amount of \$54.81 per ton for 3,500 tons at a total cost not to exceed \$191,835 for early delivery, and North American Salt Company in the low bid amount of \$65.05 per ton for 1,050 tons at a total cost not to exceed \$68,302.50 for seasonal backup on an as-needed basis and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to these purchases on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Accepted the low bid submitted by J. Allen & Company, Incorporated, in the amount of \$23,477.20 for select bikeway trail asphalt improvements and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the purchase of two Coraid backup/recovery mass storage devices and related hardware/software components at a cost of \$28,041 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this purchase on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ City Manager Evans indicated that the tree and limb clean-up after the severe storm was efficiently done; residents were allowed enough time to prepare damaged trees and branches for pick up; and, some lawn repairs were being done to offset damage to curbside areas.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas indicated that Kalamazoo Mayor Bobbi Hopewell will be at Portage Central Fire Station, 11 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2011, to wash a Portage Fire Engine. This is because members of the Portage Police and Fire Departments defeated members of the Kalamazoo Public Safety Officers in a hockey game for charity and the agreement made between the two Mayors. Mayor Strazdas also thanked and congratulated Councilmembers Bailes, Campbell and Randall and Planning Commissioner Pearson for their willingness to do the hard work necessary to run for the Office of Portage City Council. He asked for a good, clean campaign as each of them work through the issues. He also announced that he will serve on the United Way Steering Committee since he will not be campaigning as he is running unopposed for the Office of Mayor of the City of Portage.

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