

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

October 18, 2011

## PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a National Red Ribbon Proclamation and a Rotary International World Polio Day Proclamation.

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Accounts Payable Register of October 18, 2011, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Approved Rezoning Application #10-03 and rezoned 1302, 1306 and 1316 East Centre Avenue from OS-1, office service and R-1B, one-family residential, to B-1, local business, and rezoned 1330 East Centre Avenue from R-1B, one-family residential, to OS-1, office service.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved Contract 11-5530 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Portage concerning funding for street improvements on Romence Road, Constitution Boulevard to South Westnedge Avenue; approved an engineering services contract with Abonmarche Consultants, Incorporated, for construction inspection and administration for street improvements on Romence Road (Constitution Boulevard to South Westnedge Avenue) in the not to exceed amount of \$73,000; adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Contract 11-5530; and authorized the City Manager to sign all other documents relating to the consultant contract and the Michigan Department of Transportation contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Renewed a service contract in an amount not to exceed \$24,000 with Sprint Solutions for Nextel mobile phone service through September 3, 2012, and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Established Friday, December 9, 2011, as the date of the 2011 City Council Goal Setting Session.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the September 2011 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Received the October 7, 2011 Communication from Tim Earl, 6862 Shallowford Way, regarding City Council Meeting Invocation practice and directed the City Clerk to contact Mr. Tim Earl to determine his interest in providing the City Council meeting invocation.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Amended the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portage by amending Chapter 38, Historic Preservation, Article 2, Historic Districts, Section 38-38, Procedure for approval of work; criteria for review; permit (j) Time limits.

## BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Approved the purchase of two 4-wheel drive one-ton pickup trucks, three 4-wheel drive ¾-ton pickup trucks, five police pursuit vehicles and one 60 inch commercial mower through the State of Michigan Purchasing Program (MiIDEAL) at a total cost not to exceed \$306,159 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to these purchases on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the purchase of garage door operators from Fawley Door, Inc., of Portage, Michigan, in the amount of \$18,200 for the replacement of 20 garage door operators and 40 remote transmitters for three city fire stations and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents relating to this contract on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF ATTORNEY AND CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ City Attorney Randy Brown noted that regarding the request of a waiver by Ms. Turk that State Law requires that if there is going to be an appeal that this City Council makes that decision, so she does have the right to come before this City Council for a decision, eventually.
- ◆ Councilmember Campbell thanked all of the participants in the Red Ribbon Week effort.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley thanked all of the individuals who offered Invocations since Portage became a city in 1963.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas thanked the Portage Public School District personnel, City Manager Maurice Evans and staff for their collaboration efforts, especially for the recent renovation of one school building and the construction of three new ones. He also displayed a plaque presented to the City and asked that it be appropriately displayed in City Hall.

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