

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

January 24, 2012

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of January 24, 2012, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2, vacating a portion of West Fork Crossing and a portion of Trade Centre Way.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a two-year labor agreement between the City of Portage and the Portage Police Command Officers Association (PPCOA).
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the December 2011 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports from the various city departments.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Received a presentation by Youth Advisory Committee Chairperson Sujay Dewan and Vice-Chairperson Humza Mirza.
- ◆ Received a presentation and communication from Environmental Board Chairperson Ruth Caputo regarding the 2011 Purple Loosestrife Program.
- ◆ Committed to abide by the principles discussed at the December 9, 2011 City Council Goal Setting Session as set forth in attached documents.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2, granting an easement to the Michigan Department of Transportation on city-owned property for the installation of storm drainage improvements.
- ◆ Resolved to not establish a fee for licensing or license renewal of Secondhand Dealer/Pawnbroker businesses.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding 8046 Newells Lane, Wood Burners, as information only.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

- ◆ Adopted the proclamation to commence the collaborative marketing effort as coordinated by the Portage District Library Board, the Portage Public Schools Board of Education and the City Council City-School Committee.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Randall recognized that January 28, 2012, is the date that the last *Portage Gazette* would be published and acknowledged the many contributions of Portage Gazette Editor Tom Haroldson and the outstanding job he has done. She also announced the 26th Annual Bowl For Kids' Sake event is on Saturday, March 3rd and Sunday, March 4th at PINZ Bowling Center, 4500 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo, (269) 375-1379. Note: Friday, February 17th is reserved for college students only and all proceeds from Bowl For Kids' Sake go to the Big Brothers Big Sisters program where children are matched with positive role models.
- ◆ As a home brewer of beer, Councilmember Pearson expressed his excitement for Kalamazoo Beer Week and noted that Portage City Center has zoned property and could accommodate a microbrewery if anyone is interested.
- ◆ City Manager Evans announced the launch of the new online Media Center on the Portage City website www.portagemi.gov which is a repository of city related news, information and communications tools designed to better connect residents with the city, and includes video archives of televised City Council, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals meetings and other community related videos on various topics such as special city programs and services, as well as easy access to the award-winning *Portager* newsletter, RSS feeds, news releases and more. Mayor Strazdas concurred.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid recruited dancers for the Public Media Network First Annual Groundhog Ball on Feb 4 from noon until midnight which will be televised.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas concurred with Councilmember Randall that *Portage Gazette* Editor Tom Haroldson has made many contributions over the years with the Portage Gazette and has done an outstanding job.

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.