

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

July 10, 2012

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of July 10, 2012, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Approved Rezoning Application #11-05 and rezoned 7812, 7840 and 7842 Portage Road to B-3, general business, and the portion of 7908 Portage Road (approximately 351 feet by 178-feet) located immediately south of 7842 Portage Road, to P-1, vehicular parking.
- ◆ Referred Rezoning Application #11-04 and the Petition in Partial Opposition to Rezoning Application #11-04 received by the City Clerk on July 9, 2012, back to the Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved a change order in the not to exceed amount of \$431,600 for additional street reconstruction at extended unit pricing with Michigan Paving & Materials Company for the 2012 Local Street Reconstruction Program; a contract amendment with Jones & Henry Engineer, Ltd, for construction administration and material testing for the streets added to the 2012 Local Street Reconstruction Program in the not to exceed amount of \$16,000; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the acquisition and installation of equipment necessary to upgrade the emergency warning siren system through West Shore Services in the amount of \$30,483 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the cancellation of the current Sprint Solutions contract for mobile phone/data service; approved the Verizon Wireless mobile phone/data service agreement; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Adopted the amendment to Article 5, Finance, Division 2, Purchases and Sales, Section 2-171, Purchasing procedures; bids generally; 2-173, Change orders to construction contracts; and 2-175, Sale of personal property in the City of Portage Code of Ordinances.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Awarded a three-year contract for the provision of weekly curbside recycling services to the low bidder, City Star Services, LLC, dba Republic Services of West Michigan, in the not to exceed amount of \$1,563,413.88 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this agreement on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the expenditure for repairs to a portion of the concrete sidewalk and stairs along the northwest corner of the police facility to Schoolcraft Concrete Construction, LLC, of Schoolcraft, Michigan, in the amount of \$18,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Campbell thanked those who attended and worked the July 4th Fireworks Display, especially Councilmember Pearson, Mayor Pro Tem Reid, Dick Wilson and John Beebe for their hard work.
- ◆ Councilmember Sackley touted the Portage Walking, Running Bike Trail System since he was home from the July 4th Fireworks Display in less than five minutes using his bicycle.
- ◆ Councilmember Urban admitted that the automobile traffic at the July 4th Fireworks Display was tough, but biking was not an option for him and his two young daughters. He expressed pride in representing Mayor Strazdas at the Boy Scout Court of Honor for five Eagle Scouts from Troop 244.
- ◆ Councilmember Sackley warned of a planned solicitation disclosed in a letter from the Vice President and General Manager of American Water Resources of Michigan for water and sewer line protection coverage and his e-mail discussing protection coverage for water lines only and implored Tom Haroldson from mLIVE and John McNeal from WKZO to provide information to the public on this and asked the City Administration to look into this matter on behalf of Portage citizens as to whether a third party is legally able to notify our residents of their legal responsibilities with respect to utilities that pass across their property and are connected to the city system.
- ◆ Councilmember Pearson indicated that Councilmember Campbell understated what she did to make the July 4th Fireworks Display a success and that the Portage Rotary sponsors the July 4th Fireworks Display and the City of Portage does not pay for the fireworks and expressed his appreciation to the Portage businesses who contributed to the effort.
- ◆ City Manager Evans asked that Portage citizens be cautious if being solicited by the American Water Resources of Michigan Company, announced the Open House on the Angling Road tree plan, Wednesday, July 25, 2012, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers and announced that Devin Mackinder, Director of Technology Services and Community Marketing, be recognized for receiving the International Academy of Communication Arts Award for the City of Portage website.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid stated that she realized how very good the website of the City of Portage is when looking at another city for a house in Northern Michigan where her husband recently accepted employment and expressed her appreciation for the July 4th Fireworks Display.

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