

# City Council Meeting Summary

January 8, 2013

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of January 8, 2013, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Approved Rezoning Application #12-01 and rezoned 9136 Shaver Road to B-3, general business.

## STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Phil Stinchcomb, 1607 Bellaire Avenue, objected to the state enabled tax administration fee of 1% of the property tax bill collected as reimbursement for tax administration in lieu of having the six other taxing jurisdictions invoice and collect their own taxes or reimburse the city for their respective pro rata share of the cost of tax administration. He also asked for this to be reevaluated.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved Contract 12-5589 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Portage concerning funding for street improvements on Mall Drive, from Constitution Boulevard to South Westnedge Avenue; approved an engineering services contract with Abonmarche Consultants, Incorporated, for construction inspection and administration for street improvements on Mall Drive, from Constitution Boulevard to South Westnedge Avenue, in the not to exceed amount of \$39,750; adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Contract 12-5589; and authorized the City Manager to sign all other documents related to the Michigan Department of Transportation and the consultant contracts for this project on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Granted Conditional Approval of the 2010 Census Liquor License, above all others, to the Repertoire Coffee House and Theater, Inc., subject to obtaining necessary permits, approvals and commencement of construction within six months and completion of the restaurant not more than one year after issuance of applicable building permits.
- ◆ Approved the production of an update to "This Place Called Portage: Its Past and Present" by Larry Massie and that donations from area businesses be requested to fund that update.
- ◆ Referred the request from Walter Hansen, on behalf of Lakeview Animal Hospital, to purchase the city-owned Outlot A of Norton's Subdivision – 10244 Portage Road to the City Council Ad Hoc Property Committee for review and recommendation.
- ◆ Received the communication from Jake and Dan Elzinga regarding the property at 732 East Centre Avenue and referred it to the City Administration for determination of city use of the property for any potential public purpose and report back to City Council.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Reappointed Wes Mazurek, Bill Fries, Michael Quinn and Michael Simon and appointed William Brandt and Richard Ford with terms ending January 31, 2014, to Board of Review with the breakout of the two Boards occurring at a later date; appointed Richard Kraas and Roger Stamper with terms ending October 31, 2015, to the Investment Committee; and appointed Effie Kokkinos with unfulfilled term ending October 1, 2013, to the Human Services Board.

## BID TABULATION

- ◆ Awarded an engineering services contract to Bergmann Associates of East Lansing, Michigan, for the Romence Road Parkway (Lovers Lane to Portage Road) and Angling Road (West Centre Avenue to Squire Heath Lane) major street reconstruction in the not to exceed amount of \$29,690 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Campbell, City Manager Evans and Mayor Strazdas highlighted the recent visit by the Harlem Globetrotters to the Millennium Ice Rink for "Basketball on Ice" as the opening event in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Portage becoming a city.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid expressed her appreciation for the Portage City Flags displayed along South Westnedge Avenue and Mayor Strazdas concurred and commented on the history of Portage, the balance mix of residential, commercial and industrial uses and gave credit to the fine stewardship of former City Councils and Administration.

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