

City Council Meeting Summary

April 9, 2013

PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a 50th Anniversary of the Portage United Church of Christ, a Fair Housing Resolution and a Resolution of Respect for Mayor Engel Corstange to be placed in the Heritage Room at the Portage District Library.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Accounts Payable Register of April 9, 2013, as presented.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Received the Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 proposed Budget.
- ◆ Accepted for first reading an ordinance amendment to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Portage to modify an existing Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the Spring Manor Apartments located at 610 Mall Drive; with final action on April 23, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard.
- ◆ Set a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, beginning at 5:15 p.m., to interview board and commission applicants.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Tree City USA Tree Planting and Proclamation as information only.
- ◆ Held a closed session immediately following the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of April 9, 2013, to discuss a City Attorney communication.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Received a communication from the Planning Commission regarding the City of Portage FY 2013-2023 Capital Improvement Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Relinquished the northerly and southerly 12 feet of an existing easement for drainage, sewage and other public purposes over a previously vacated section of Burt Drive and authorized the City Manager to sign the License Agreement to locate an Accessory Structure in the easement area.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding a report from Park Board Chair Susan Williams concerning the Ice Rink Discount Card Program as information only and asked the Administration to proceed with the preparation for a discount card for next season consistent with the recommendation in the Park Board Report.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Received a presentation from Councilmember Sackley regarding the recent activity of the Lake Center Business Committee and scheduled a stakeholder meeting, Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 2 p.m. at Bucky's Café, 8675 Portage Road, at a cost not to exceed \$500 with no cost for facilitation.
- ◆ Received a presentation from Councilmember Sackley regarding the recent activity of the Sign Ordinance Committee, ratified the retention of Tim Falon at a not to exceed amount of \$2,750 and approved \$100 for refreshments.

BID TABULATION

- ◆ Approved the low bid for emergency equipment and installation of equipment on the Battalion Chief Vehicle to Emergency Vehicle Products of Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the amount of \$23,971.22 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Councilmember Sackley extended congratulations and praise to the Kalamazoo Area Math and Science Center (KAMSC) students who swept the first, second and third places of the ACM High School Programming Contest and indicated that the winners were all from Portage Northern and Portage Central High Schools. He said there was Portage High School representation in the Computer Science and the Engineering Competitions at the University of Michigan Dearborn Engineering & Computer Science Experience, and KAMSC students in the Web Design Competition.
- ◆ As a promotion to Bike Week, May 11 through 18, 2013, Councilmember Randall announced a Bike Rally among Portage City Council, Kalamazoo City Commission and the Kalamazoo Area Bike Club at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2013, starting in Portage, *A Natural Place to Move*, at Portage Celery Flats, Garden Lane, and progressing north to Mayors' Riverfront Park, 251 Mills Street, and "loop back" for a total of 16 miles with promotional details to follow and be posted on the respective websites. She mentioned that she has approached some Kalamazoo County Commissioners, also.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid indicated that the absentee ballots for the May 7, 2013 Special Election with the Renewal of the Transit Millage issue have gone out, encouraged voters to vote and that registered voters can take home an absentee ballot Saturday before the election from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., can obtain and vote an absentee ballot in City Hall the Monday before the election from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and can obtain an absentee ballot on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in the case of an emergency until 4 p.m.

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.