

# City Council Meeting Summary

May 14, 2013

## PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Safe Boating Week Proclamation.

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Accounts Payable Register of May 14, 2013, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Held a Public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 proposed Budget and the tax rate of 10.7778 mills required to support the proposed budget

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved Addendum No. 3 to the District Court Consolidation Agreement and authorized the City Manager to sign the Addendum on behalf of the City of Portage.
- ◆ Approved the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program FY 2013-14 Annual Action Plan element of the Consolidated Plan and authorized the City Manager to submit the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- ◆ Approved a five-year extension for the *City of Portage – Township of Schoolcraft Sanitary Sewage Disposal Agreement* and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement extension on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the 24-month extension of the TDS, Metrocom Telecommunications Services Agreement for the provision of telephone services at an approximate annual cost of \$51,637 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved a two-year contract renewal with The Hartford for employee basic life, basic accidental death and dismemberment, contributory life, contributory accidental death and dismemberment, dependent life and long-term disability insurance and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the Final Plan for Southwest Michigan Dermatology, 3000 Old Centre Road.

## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Received the Annual Presentation by Historic District Commission Chairperson Mark Reile.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas reviewed past emergencies and introduced Public Safety Director – Police / Fire Chief Richard White, who provided a presentation regarding the City of Portage emergency preparedness.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Received a presentation from Councilmember Randall regarding the recent activity of the Property Committee

## NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Appointed Sami Ahmad, Lauren Ammar, Lauren Bates, Amanda Boelman, Eli Cartier, Ansh Chaudhary, Stephen Chow, Liberty Curley, Kyle Huitt, Nadia Javeed, Sharat Kamath, Sisira Kavuri, Kitu Komya, Anjana Krishnan, Brandon Luevano, Kelcie McGowan, Kasia Mietusiewicz, Humza Mirza, Alexander Molner, Sophie Morin, Ugo Nwagbo, Sarah Patton, Aayushi Priya, Leah Roach, Audrey Searing, Genevieve Sertic, Taylor Snyder, Jodie Stoffer, Mitchell Symes, Jill Syrotchen, Ali Thomas, Jr., and Logan Wilson with terms ending June 30, 2014, to the Youth Advisory Committee; appointed Genevieve Sertic with term ending June 30, 2014, as Youth Participant to the Environmental Board; appointed Brandon Luevano with term ending June 30, 2014, as Youth Participant to the Historic District Commission; appointed Kitu Komya with term ending June 30, 2014, as Youth Participant to the Human Services Board; appointed Luren Ammar with term ending June 30, 2014, as Youth Participant to the Park Board; appointed Kyle Huitt with term ending June 30, 2014, as Youth Participant to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board; reappointed Lawrence Schmidt and George Theodoru and appointed Barney Martlew with terms ending June 1, 2016, to the Construction Board of Appeals; reappointed Paul Welch and appointed Betty Schimmel and Henry Kerr with terms ending May 31, 2016, to the Planning Commission; reappointed Don Ramlow with term ending May 31, 2016, to the Public Media Network Board; appointed Roger Smith with unfulfilled term ending October 1, 2013, and Charles Thomas commencing September 1, 2013, with unfulfilled term ending October 1, 2015, to the Park Board; appointed Theresa Bunch with unfulfilled term ending December 31, 2014, to the Historic District Commission; and, appointed Bill Stannard with unfulfilled term ending January 31, 2014, to the Board of Review.
- ◆ Reviewed a Draft Proclamation Allied Disposal Site, Alcott Superfund Site, in Kalamazoo and decided not to issue it from the City of Portage as a whole, but to support it individually as Councilmembers if desired.
- ◆ Rescinded the decision to form an Assessment Options Committee of the Whole and related tasks assigned to the City Administration at the meeting of City Council, April 23, 2013.

## BID TABULATION

- ◆ Approved the purchase of a Durapatcher Trailer Mounted Spray Injection Road Repair Machine for a cost of \$51,432, and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

### **STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL**

- ◆ Councilmember Randall invited everyone to attend the bike event, Saturday, May 18, 2013, to wrap up Bike Week is the Mayor to Mayor bike ride starting at 9:00 a.m., Celery Flats, with Portage Mayor Pete Strazdas and Kalamazoo City Mayor Bobby Hopewell participating. Also, she mentioned the Susan G. Komen Southwest Michigan Race for the Cure®, Sunday, May 19, 2013, starting at the Arcadia Festival Site in downtown Kalamazoo from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the Memorial Day Parade down South Westnedge Avenue.
- ◆ Councilmember Sackley thanked Councilmember Randall for mentioning the Susan G. Komen Southwest Michigan Race for the Cure® as he will be running the 5k this year.
- ◆ Councilmember Urban concurred and mentioned that his sister was a victim of breast cancer less than a year ago and expressed his support for the cause.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid highlighted the earlier meeting with applicants for the City Boards and Commissions and paid special attention to the youth who volunteered for the Youth Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas concurred, invited everyone to the Mayor to Mayor bike event starting at Celery Flats and congratulated the City of Kalamazoo for coming in second in the country as Beer City U.S.A.

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