

# City Council Meeting Summary

May 28, 2013

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Accounts Payable Register of May 28, 2013, as presented.

## PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Nasim Ansari, 3015 Kalarama Avenue, announced candidacy for City Councilmember on the November 5, 2013 Ballot.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget by adopting the General Appropriations Act Resolution, adopted the Resolution to adopt the Salary and Wage Schedules for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014, and adopted the Reimbursement Resolution for the Capital Improvement Projects known as Metsa Court Water Main Extension, for \$50,000, and South Westnedge Avenue Water Main, Osterhout Avenue to the south end with a loop connection to Marylynn Court, for \$375,000.
- ◆ Adopted the Bond Resolution authorizing the sale of Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2013, in the amount of \$3,130,000; and the Resolution approving the Undertaking to Provide Continuing Disclosure by the City of Portage for the Capital Improvement Bonds, Series 2013.
- ◆ Approved Contract 13-5228 between the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the City of Portage for improvements on Romence Road Parkway (Lovers Lane to Portage Road) and Angling Road (West Centre Avenue to Squire Heath Lane); adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Contract 13-5228; and authorized the City Manager to sign all other documents related to the Michigan Department of Transportation for this project on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved Contract 13-5171 with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for removal and reconstruction of the Kilgore Road Bridge over Portage Creek; amended an engineering services contract with Abonmarche Consultants, Incorporated, to perform construction oversight and administration in the not to exceed amount of \$88,695; adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Contract 13-5171; 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.
- ◆ Approved a contract with Consumers Energy to furnish streetlight service; adopted a Resolution to enter into a contract with Consumers Energy; and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Sent the request to authorize the City Manager to proceed with marketing for sale and disposition of the city outlots at 7200 Balfour Drive, 7138 Capri Street and 1600 Friendly Avenue back to the Property Committee.
- ◆ Adopted the resolution concerning the Kalamazoo County Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ◆ Waived confidentiality of the legal opinion of May 9, 2013, so it could be discussed in open session, and discussed the legal opinion in open session.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager providing background information regarding the property offered for sale at 1614 West Osterhout as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the April 2013 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Reaffirmed the Resolution to grant an access easement to Consumers Energy over a portion of city-owned property addressed as 6301 Newport Road and authorized the City Manager to execute the access easement on behalf of the city.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas directed City Council to provide City Manager Evans with their concerns and questions regarding the 2013 Board of Review by June 18, 2013, for a determination of time frame for answers by Mr. Evans for City Council at the June 25, 2013 Regular City Council Meeting.

## STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Nasim Ansari, 3015 Kalarama Avenue, thanked the Administration and the City Council for their efforts on the Budget.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL

- ◆ Councilmembers Sackley commented on the Budget and the Budget process and expressed his appreciation to the Administration for their fine efforts.
- ◆ City Manager Evans indicated that the Budget Process never ends and that the Administration is already looking at next year and many years ahead.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid expressed her appreciation to parade attendees at the Memorial Day Parade, especially considering the inclement weather.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas reflected on the respect shown for police, veterans and older people by the community by coming out to the Memorial Day Parade. He announced his candidacy for Mayor.

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