

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

July 12, 2011

PROCLAMATION

- ◆ State Representative Margaret O'Brien issued special State of Michigan proclamations to three members of Troop 80331, Portage, who recently received the Girl Scout Gold Star Award.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of July 12, 2011, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Tabled until the Regular City Council Meeting of July 26, 2011, proposed Ordinance Amendment 10-C, Medical Marihuana Home Occupation.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ Greg Rosine of the Kalamazoo County Transportation Authority discussed bi-partisan legislation that had been approved by both the Michigan House and Senate and was awaiting signature by the Governor. Mr. Rosine stated that the legislation will help to provide for a true county-wide transit system.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution Approving the Agreement to Implement the Amended Development Plan and Amended Tax Increment Financing Plan; adopted the Resolution Approving the Development Agreement; and authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Accepted Ordinance Amendment 10-D, Business Banner Regulations, for first reading and set a public hearing for August 9, 2011; and subsequent to the public hearing, will consider approval of Ordinance Amendment 10-D, Business Banner Regulations.
- ◆ Authorized the provision of an additional brush collection program to address brush resulting from the July 11, 2011 windstorm.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Accepted the communication from Portage City Manager Maurice Evans, Kalamazoo City Manager Ken Collard and Kalamazoo County Administrator Peter Battani regarding the follow-up on Intergovernmental Collaboration/Consolidation and offered the requested affirmation and endorsement for this recommendation.
- ◆ Referred the request of the Human Services Board to plan and host a Human Services Fair to City Administration for review and comment.

BID TABULATION

- ◆ Executed Change Order No. 1 with Michigan Paving and Materials Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan, for the resurfacing of Angling Road (Romence Road to West Milham Avenue) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$221,489.04 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Bailes complimented the youth participants in the Youth Triathlon activity that was part of the Park Board's Paddle Fest event at Ramona Park.
- ◆ Councilmember Campbell thanked all who came to watch the fireworks on the 4th of July and hoped that it was successful enough so that Portage Rotary could sponsor the event again next year. She also announced that she will be running for reelection.
- ◆ Councilmember Reid commented that it was good to see neighbors and citizens helping each other in the aftermath of the storm.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Sackley commented that State Representative O'Brien sent him a text message complimenting the City of Portage on its storm clean-up efforts. He also mentioned an open house at Big Brothers Big Sisters.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas expressed hope that word about the brush pick-up will get out into the community and closed by thanking city staff and residents for their work and support in storm clean-up.

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