

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

March 27, 2012

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of March 27, 2012, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Adopted the Resolution to vacate a 10 foot wide portion of street right-of-way located at 7130 South Westnedge Avenue and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Accepted Rezoning Application #11-02 for first reading and set a public hearing for April 24, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard; and subsequent to the public hearing, consider approving Rezoning Application #11-02 and rezone the southern 539.5 feet of 1106 West Centre Avenue to OS-1, office service, while keeping the remainder of the property zoned RM-2, multiple family residential, and R-1B, one family residential.
- ◆ Established a public hearing for April 24, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to consider resolutions to adopt the recommendation that the sewer commodity rate remain \$4.81 per 1,000 gallons of metered water; adopt a water commodity rate increase from \$3.10 to \$3.19 per 1,000 gallons of metered water; adopt the recommendation that adjustments be made to both the sewer and water base quarterly charges; adopt the recommendation that the new rates become effective on October 1, 2012; and adopt the recommended water and sewer franchise area fees and other service fees and charges as outlined in the 2012 Utility Rate Financial Study.
- ◆ Adopted a resolution allowing the Portage Department of Public Safety Fire Division to participate in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Supported the re-establishment of the Romence Road East project (Portage Road to Sprinkle Road) in the 2011-12 Major Street Reconstruction Program and the Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study 2011-14 Transportation Improvement Plan.
- ◆ Authorized the City Manager to provide an equity adjustment to Department Head and full time Non-union employees.
- ◆ Resolved to support a Recreation Passport Grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Westfield Park Playground renovations and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Resolved to submit an application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a Special License for the sale of beer and wine for consumption on the premises at Portage Central Park, 7800 Shaver Road, for *The Taste of Portage* on June 23, 2012, and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the Final Plan for Alkhamis Financial, 7900 Kirkland Court.
- ◆ Postponed setting the dates and times for review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Clerk regarding the February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary Election Results as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the February 2012 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Received a report from the Water and Sewer Rate Committee.
- ◆ Received a report from the City Council City-School Committee and approved the next step with the publication of Top 10 Reasons listing.
- ◆ Received a report from the City Council Sign Ordinance Committee.
- ◆ Received a report from the City Council Ethics/Rules/Procedures Committee.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Campbell indicated that the Portage Rotary will provide the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks for the City of Portage, again this year and invited everyone to the event.
- ◆ Councilmember Sackley extended kudos to the Western Michigan University Bronco Hockey Team, who won the 2012 CCHA Championship in Joe Louis Arena, Detroit, for the first time since 1986. He also congratulated Portage Northern High School Hockey Goalie, Senior Chris Noonan, for receiving the Regular Season Goalie of the Year honors from the Atlantic Hockey Association.
- ◆ Councilmember Randall indicated that she had received many positive comments regarding the Board of Review process and the Assessors Office and thanked them for their service and diligence.
- ◆ Councilmember Pearson said that he, along with about 40 others, attended a presentation by Community Development Director Vicki Georgeau regarding commercial opportunities in Portage.
- ◆ City Manager Evans commended Bill Deming and the Parks Department for being designated a 2011 Tree City USA; the Police Department for being only one of eight Police Departments to be CALEA Certified, for the fourth time, under Rick White; and announced that Jack Hartman would be retiring after 24 years of service as the Streets and Equipment Director.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid applauded the K-Wings for making the play-offs and mentioned that she attended the recent Elton John concert held at K-Wings Stadium. She said she was honored to represent the City of Portage at a presentation by the Elks to Welcome the Warriors, returning soldiers from Afghanistan after serving there for one year, and recognized how proud they were to represent this area and their country by helping the Afghan people.

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