

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

April 24, 2012

## PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a National Arbor Day Proclamation after City Council celebrated a tree planting and a National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Proclamation.

## CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of April 24, 2012, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARING

- ◆ Approved Rezoning Application #11-02 and rezoned 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.
- ◆ Adopted the 2012 Sewer and Water Rate Resolutions establishing sewer and water utility rates, sewer and water franchise area fees, service fees and charges as outlined in the 2012 Utility Rate Financial Study and as recommended by the City Administration and the City Council Water and Sewer (Utility) Rate Study Committee.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Authorized the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a three-year labor agreement with the International Association of Fire Fighters subsequent to city acceptance of health insurance plan documents.
- ◆ Adopted the Resolution setting a public hearing on May 8, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 proposed city budget and the proposed 2012 tax levy.
- ◆ Accepted Rezoning Application #11-03 for first reading and set a public hearing for May 22, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard, to consider approving Rezoning Application #11-03 and rezone: 1901 Romence Road Parkway to OTR, office technology and research, with the exception of the northwest area that is to remain R-1B, one family residential, and the southwest area that is to be rezoned to OS-1, office service; 2301 Romence Road Parkway, 6710, 6718 and 6726 Portage Road and 2328 and 2402 Lansing Avenue to OTR, office technology and research; and 6646 Portage Road and 6941, 7013 and 7019 Lovers Lane to OS-1, office service.
- ◆ Approved Contract 12-5119 between MDOT and the City of Portage for funding of a flashing beacon installation at the Osterhout Avenue/Oakland Drive intersection and adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign Contract 12-5119 and any other documents related to this project on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the March 2012 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

## COMMUNICATION

- ◆ Received a presentation by Human Services Board Chairperson Marc Meulman.

## AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Received a presentation and report from Mayor Pro Tem Claudette Reid regarding the recent activity of the Fees (Transparency/Fairness) Committee, delegated/requested of staff to provide information for the May 22, 2012 Regular City Council Meeting regarding the particular situation and the ordinance involved to all Councilmembers and refer to the entire Committee of the entire Council a discussion of whether or not there is the appropriateness to change or consider change of ordinance in this situation, including the integration of the ordinance and the policy into the report and what possible remedies or recommendations from staff are available to the City Council to move this forward.

## BID TABULATION

- ◆ Awarded an engineering services contract to Wightman & Associates, Incorporated, for the Forest Drive reconstruction and water main replacement from Lovers Lane to Portage Road, in the not to exceed amount of \$24,100 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Randall announced the Leaders Breakfast to be held, Wednesday, April 25, 2012, from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. at Cityscape, Kalamazoo, for a "Placemaking" discussion or "What makes Michigan cities vibrant and exciting places to live, work and play." She also mentioned that the Y.M.C.A. is sponsoring a "Get Out and Walk" on Sunday, April 29, 2012; and, she reminded everyone that the Kalamazoo Marathon takes place on Sunday, May 6, 2012.
- ◆ Councilmember Pearson indicated that he and his wife plan to attend the Greenathon again this year that is coordinated by Deputy City Clerk Adam Herringa with the support of the City Council Youth Advisory Committee, the Parks Department, Park Board and Environmental Board, that will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 12 noon until 4 p.m. at Celery Flats.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid indicated that she will be attending the American Occupational Therapy Association Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana, and indicated that it is National Occupational Therapy Month.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas gave credit to John Milowe and Bill Deming of the Parks Department for celebrating Portage as a Tree City with the planting of a tree earlier in honor of National Arbor Day; and thanked those participants of the Greenathon for their fine efforts and indicated that good, sustainable things are being created in our community.

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