

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

October 23, 2012

PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ Mayor Strazdas issued a Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation, a Make a Difference Day Proclamation and a Red Ribbon Week Proclamation.

CHECK REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of October 23, 2012, as presented.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 2-12 expanding Industrial Development District No.1 for Mueller Copper Tube Products Company at 6700 Sprinkle Road.
- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 4-12, approving the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the Mueller Copper Tube Products Company at 6700 Sprinkle Road (for five years on the real property and personal property) in the total amount of \$26.5 million; and approved the tax abatement agreement and the affidavit between the City of Portage and Mueller Copper Tube Products Company.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS

- ◆ At the request of Fred Walter, 1010 Forest Drive, directed the City Manager to write a letter from the City Council to the Little League, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in support of the Little League Softball World Series Championship being hosted by South Portage Little League.
- ◆ Former Betty Lee Ongley read a letter as Chair of the Portage District Library Board recognizing the efforts of City Council, the City Manager and the Administration concerning economic growth in the region, a review of the library services offered by the District Library and their concerns regarding the creation and utilization of Industrial Development Districts and related tax abatements.

REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Approved the substitution of the Angling Road (West Centre Avenue to Squire Heath Lane) and Romence Road Parkway (Lovers Lane to Portage Road) projects for the Portage Road (East Milham Avenue to Byrd Drive) and Oakland Drive (I-94 to Kilgore Road) projects in the 2011-2014 Kalamazoo Area Transportation Study (KATS) Transportation Improvement Program.
- ◆ Affirmed additional events and activities to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the City of Portage as presented herein.
- ◆ Granted the request to transfer ownership of the 2012 Class C Licensed Business with Dance and Entertainment Permits located at 3750 East Kilgore Road, Portage, MI 49002, Kalamazoo County (The Venue), from DSV Entertainment, LLC, to Stellant, LLC.
- ◆ Granted the request for an upgrade of the 2000 Tavern licensed business, located at 6300 South Westnedge (Pizza Hut), Portage, MI 49002, Kalamazoo County to Class C Liquor License.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys as information only.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the September 2012 Summary Environmental Activity Report as information only.
- ◆ Received the Department Monthly Reports.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ Received a Presentation from Linda Teeter, Chairperson of the Kalamazoo County Transit Authority, providing a brief update on regional public transit efforts.
- ◆ Directed the City Manager to modify the city website to provide a convenient link to volunteer opportunities within the City of Portage.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT

- ◆ Adopted the 2012-2013 Advisory Boards and Commissions Goals and Objectives.

BID TABULATIONS

- ◆ Approved the purchase of two four-wheel drive one-half ton pickup trucks, one two-wheel drive one ton pickup truck, two 7400 tandem axle dump/plow trucks, and one four-wheel drive three-quarter ton Fire Command vehicle through the State of Michigan Purchasing Program (MiDEAL) at a total cost not to exceed \$460,757 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to these purchases on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Approved the AT&T Master Contract Agreement for the continuation of telecommunication services through October 2015 in the annual amount of \$59,000 and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this agreement on behalf of the city.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Pearson extended congratulations to City Attorney Randy Brown for his reelection to President of the Michigan Association of Municipal Attorneys (MAMA) and City Council and Mayor Strazdas concurred and gave him a round of applause.
- ◆ Councilmember Sackley reminded everyone to vote in the Presidential Election, Tuesday, November 6, 2012.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid announced that the Michigan Occupational Therapists are meeting in Kalamazoo this weekend with the assistance of Western Michigan University and the Occupational Therapist Program.
- ◆ Mayor Strazdas recounted the highlights of the meeting citing the reelection of City Attorney Brown, Red Ribbon Week, Boy Scouts helping with the Pledge of Allegiance, the proposed new website addition for city volunteers and the \$26.5 million investment by Mueller Copper Tube Products Company. He then thanked the City Council for all they do for the community.

COMPLETE MINUTES OF EACH CITY COUNCIL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CITY WEBSITE AT PORTAGE.MI.GOV, IN CITY HALL AND IN THE DISTRICT LIBRARY. MINUTES OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.