

# City Council Meeting Summary

February 12, 2013

## PROCLAMATIONS

- ◆ City Council issued a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of the City of Portage Proclamation
- ◆ Mr. Paul Troost, on behalf of U.S. Senator Carl Levin, presented a copy of an item entered into the Congressional Record recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Portage. Mr. Troost also presented a Certificate of Recognition regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on behalf of U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow.
- ◆ State Representative Margaret O'Brien presented, on behalf of U.S. Congressman Fred Upton, a copy of an entry into the Congressional Record made by Congressman Upton recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Portage.
- ◆ State Representative O'Brien and State Senator Tonya Schuitmaker presented a Special Tribute recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Portage.

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER

- ◆ Approved the Check Register of February 12, 2013, as presented.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ Adopted Resolution No. 4-13, approving the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for the Stryker Corporation, Instruments Division, at 4100 East Milham Avenue (for six years on the real property and three years on the personal property) in the total amount of \$5.64 million; and approved the tax abatement agreement and affidavit between the City of Portage and Stryker Corporation, Instruments Division.

## REPORTS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Accepted the Donation Box Ordinance Amendment for first reading and set a public hearing for March 12, 2013; at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may be heard and, subsequent to the public hearing, consider approving the Donation Box Ordinance Amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission and City Administration.
- ◆ Resolved to accept the Development Project Agreement from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for Westfield Park playground renovations and authorized the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city.
- ◆ Authorized the City Manager to proceed in negotiating modification terms to the District Court Consolidation Agreement with Kalamazoo County.
- ◆ Tabled any action on the Communication from the City Manager regarding the 2013 Board of Review.
- ◆ Received the communication from the City Manager regarding the Portage Public Schools billboard proposal as information only.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Appointed D. Glenn Smith (current Alternate) and Michael Robbe (current Alternate) to terms ending February 28, 2016, and appointed Robert Soltis as Alternate with unfulfilled term ending February 28, 2014 and James White as Alternate with unfulfilled term ending February 28, 2015, to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- ◆ Appointed Michael Simon, Bill Fries and Richard Ford to Board of Review No. 1 and Wesley Mazurek, Michael Quinn and William Brandt to Board of Review No. 2 with terms ending January 31, 2014.

## AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ◆ Voted to respectfully decline the offer to purchase the property located at 732 East Centre.
- ◆ Voted to order a title search to provide proof of ownership for 1600 Friendly Avenue and, after title search paperwork is received, obtain appraisals on 7200 Balfour Drive, 7138 Capri Street and 1600 Friendly Avenue and, should the City not own the property, exclude 1600 Friendly Avenue from the appraisals.
- ◆ Accepted the recommendations of the Property Committee with regard to the property located at 10323 Archwood Drive.
- ◆ Received the report of the Property Committee for 117 East Centre and 10244 Portage Road, Outlot A of Norton's Subdivision.
- ◆ Received the report by Councilmember Sackley, Chair of the Sign Ordinance Committee, regarding the committee's recent activity.

## NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Decided to honor all past ice rink passes to the Portage ice rink through the end of this season.

## STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER

- ◆ Councilmember Sackley discussed his appointment on the Kalamazoo County Public Art Commission and shared that this Commission will be working to support the "Recycled Art in the Park" competition which is being coordinated and planned by the Park Board.
- ◆ Mayor Pro Tem Reid shared that February is Healthy Heart Month and the American Heart Association is focused on increasing knowledge of heart disease, especially for women. She encouraged residents to think about their own health and to take steps to be heart healthy.

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