

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, July 20, 2015

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, Clement, and Baldyga; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Finance Officer/Treasurer Kinde; Electric Superintendent Hyland; DPW Superintendent Gensterblum; Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Director Scheurer; Wastewater Superintendent Sherman; Interim DDA/Main Street Director Perry; Police Officer Thomas; City Employees Zach Waltersdorf, Kendall Schrauben, and Nick Martin; Police Chief Knobelsdorf; Eric Proctor

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Amy Kahn; Tom Thelen of the Review & Observer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Barnes with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Kendall Schrauben.

Motion by Clement, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve the Proposed Agenda as presented.

Yeas: Clement, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman reported that Ionia County Emergency Manager, Doug DeVries will hold a briefing on tornado related issues on Monday, August 17, 2015 at City Hall.

City Manager Gorman also reported that McDonald's is moving forward with the purchase of the property on the corner of Grand River Ave. and Bridge St. with plans of construction of a new building. He will be meeting with them soon to go over the proposed site plan. Olivera's is still in the planning stages of construction at 1417 E. Grand River Ave. Goodwill is leaning towards reconstruction but is still in the planning stages of reconstruction after the tornado on June 22, 2015 destroyed their building. Construction of the Red Mill Pavilion will begin on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

City Manager Gorman also reported that The WODA Group was awarded funding by MSHDA for its redevelopment project of Old School Manor at 306 Brush St. Environmental studies are currently being conducted on the property.

City Manager Gorman also reported that ADM Alliance Nutrition will begin demolition of the silos on the corner of Grand River Ave. and Divine Hwy. on Monday, July 13, 2015. For safety reasons all lanes on Divine Hwy. will be closed during the 3-week demolition process. Emergency vehicles will use the back of the ADM Alliance Nutrition property for access to those areas accessed by the detour route that will be posted by the Ionia County Road Commission.

Under Presentations, Mayor Barnes presented proclamations honoring and commemorating all of the emergency services, residents of Portland, volunteers, local businesses, organizations, churches,

municipalities, local governments, and City employees for their exemplary service to the City of Portland during the aftermath of the June 22, 2015 tornado.

Interim DDA/Main Street Director Perry presented a report on downtown activities. The Portland Pay Day customer rewards program will run through August 26, 2015 with the prize drawing to be held Thursday, August 27, 2015 at the band shell.

Interim Director Perry thanked the Portland Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and all of the businesses and individuals that sponsored the fireworks display. It was a great event with a very large crowd in attendance.

Beerfest on the Bridge, hosted by the Portland Main Street Organization and Finance Committee, will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 2:00 – 8:00 P.M. and will include live music, more than 10 Michigan breweries and local food vendors.

Wine the Walk, hosted by the Portland Main Street Promotions and Marketing Committee, will be held on Saturday, August 15, 2015 from 4:00 – 11:00 P.M. on the downtown Boardwalk. Last year there over 500 in attendance at the event. This event will feature Michigan wines, ciders, and gourmet sodas.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 15-51 to approve an extension of one year to the Biosolids Management Services Agreement with Synagro Central, LLC for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. The City Manager and Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent have reviewed the agreement and recommend its approval.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 15-51 approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to sign a Biosolids Management Services Agreement with Synagro Central, LLC.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Clement, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 15-52 to approve the Michigan Public Power Agency's (MPPA) recommendation for the City of Portland's Board of Light and Power to join the Landfill Service Committee which will be studying a potential ownership opportunity involving a landfill gas plant. The Board of Light and Power passed a recommendation to City Council to join the Landfill Gas Committee as recommended at its June 30, 2015 regular meeting.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 15-52 approving the Michigan Public Power Agency's recommendation for the City's Board of Light and Power to join the Landfill Service Committee.

Yeas: Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Clement, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 15-53 to approve the purchase of a 2016 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle for the Police Department in the amount of \$28,935.00. The purchase was included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget. The Police Department maintains a fleet of three vehicles and in order to

keep them in good working condition, a new vehicle is typically purchased every two years, resulting in six years of usage.

Motion by Clement, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 15-53 approving the purchase of a new police vehicle.

Yeas: Clement, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 15-54 to approve a bid from GL Concrete for replacement of sidewalks and curbs heavily damaged as a result of the tornado on June 22, 2015. The DPW Foreman and City Manager recommend the City Council approve the proposal from GL Concrete to perform this work.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 15-54 approving a bid from GL Concrete for sidewalk and curb replacement.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Clement, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 15-55 confirming the Mayor's appointments of Doug Abel to the Economic Development Corporation and Brian Grapentien to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 15-55 confirming the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Clement, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on July 6, 2015, payment of invoices in the amount of \$153,921.45 and payroll in the amount of \$88,249.70 for a total of \$242,171.15. Purchase orders to the United States Geological Survey in the amount of \$7,850.00 for annual Streamgauging as required by the City's FERC license, to Altec in the amount of \$9,146.26 to repair two hydraulic cylinders on unit 405, and to the Portland Area Fire Authority in the amount of \$25,628.15 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter fire services were included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Clement, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman stated the Friends of the Red Mill will hold a fundraiser at Arby's tomorrow evening. Volunteers are still needed to help with the construction of the timber frame pavilion. The Relay for Life event will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at the Portland High School football field. The Portland Strong Benefit Concert will be held on Sunday, August 9, 2015 at the Portland High School football field.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck commented that the VFW will hold a walleye dinner on July 29, 2015 to support construction at the post and the VFW Men's Auxiliary will be hosting a dinner for the timber framers on August 1, 2015.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck further extended his appreciation to all of those that assisted with the tornado relief and commented that he is happy to live in a community that will lend a helping hand.

Council Member Baldyga concurred with the sentiments extended by Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Clement, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk