

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, November 2, 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; City Treasurer Kinde; Police Chief Knobelsdorf; Police Sergeant Piper; and Police Officer Thomas

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Mike Judd; William Tucker, CPA of Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.; 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 William Tucker.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Clement, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman reported that he met with the Portland Area Ministerial Association in terms of the tornado cleanup and relief. They are extremely happy with the efforts of the City, especially with the zoning moratorium that was passed by Council. They asked what they could do for the City but most everything the City has had to deal with has been taken care of.

City Manager Gorman stated that he and City staff met with the engineers to discuss the Kent Street Improvement Project and to address the need for an updated PASER study to assess street conditions in the City.

The demolition of the house owned by the City at 628 Canal Street has had a slight delay in waiting for Consumers Energy to disconnect the gas service. The demolition will take place very soon.

Under Presentation, William Tucker, CPA of Abraham & Gaffney, P.C. presented the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year audit of the City. The auditors gave the city a clean opinion, which is the best opinion possible. The City of Portland is in good, healthy financial condition.

Under New Business, considered a motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 audit presented by Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.

Motion by Clement, supported by Baldyga, to accept the Fiscal Year 2014/2015 as presented by the auditing firm of Abraham & Gaffney, P.C.

Yeas: Clement, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 15-82 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016. City Manager Gorman stated that historically budget amendments have been done at the end of the Fiscal Year. City Treasurer Kinde has implemented quarterly budget meetings with the appropriate budget amendments to be completed at that time. He further thanked her for all of her hard work and efforts.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 15-82 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Clement, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 15-83; a Resolution of Intent to vacate a portion of Elm Street and the portion of an alley that were formerly on the property at 306 Brush St. for the Old School Manor redevelopment project. City Manager Gorman stated that these properties were vacated at the turn of the century but the original documents cannot be located.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 15-83 a Resolution of Intent to vacate the portion of Elm Street lying between Lots 9 and 16 and between Hill and Brush Streets and the portion of a public alley lying between Hill and Brush Streets and Lots 16 and 23.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Clement, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on October 19, 2015, payment of invoices in the amount of \$73,233.22 and payroll in the amount of \$96,583.92 for a total of \$169,817.14.

A purchase order to Resco in the amount of \$6,426.00 for transformers was included.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Clement, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Communications, Mayor Barnes noted an application from Chris Tyler has been submitted for reappointment to the DDA.

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman reminded residents that November 1st through April 1st parking is not allowed on City streets from 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. in order to help the DPW completely clear snow from the streets.

City offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for Veteran's Day.

The City Council Election will be held tomorrow, November 3, 2015. Polls will be open on the 2nd floor of City Hall from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. City Manager Gorman further thanked Council Member Clement for her time serving on the City Council.

Under Council Comments, Council Member Fitzsimmons noted the construction taking place in Portland including Olivera's, Old School Manor, and the former Credit Union property. He further

stated that it is great to see vacant buildings being redeveloped. He thanked the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals for their efforts in these projects moving forward.

Council Member Baldyga echoed City Manager Gorman's sentiments in thanking Council Member Clement for her time served on the City Council.

Mayor Barnes also thanked Council Member Clement for her service.

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,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk