

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, February 1, 2016

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, Baldyga and Johnston; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Interim Police Chief Bauer; and DDA/Main Street Director Perry

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Deric Gress; Emily Zug of Zug Elite Fitness

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

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated that the Council met for their annual Goal Session on Saturday, January 23, 2016. The session was very insightful with a lot of good discussion.

The plans for Old School Manor were received this week from The WODA Group. City staff will be doing a preliminary review and will meet with developers next week. Construction is expected to begin yet this winter.

Bill Roeser, CEO of Sparrow Ionia, attended the meeting of the EDC on January 25, 2016 and provided an update on the potential development on Cutler Rd. They are still interested and continue to discuss; funding approvals are still needed. The EDC concurred they would like to see if there is any interest in development from other health care providers as well.

The first round of interviews for a new Police Chief were held last week. Approximately 30 resumes were received, of which 10 were interviewed. The panel further narrowed the candidates to six for a second round of interviews to be conducted by an executive panel consisting of the City Manager, Mayor, County Prosecutor, and a member of the Michigan State Police.

City Manager Gorman further reported that a representative from WOW! is planning to attend the next Council meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

The former Muffler Man on Grand River Ave. has been purchased by the corporate office. They plan to reopen in the spring under the name Maintenance Man.

Under Presentations, DDA/Main Street Director Perry presented the Downtown Report. Planning for spring and summer events is underway. The Block Party will be held Saturday, May 21, 2016. New ideas are being explored for Portland Pay Day. The DDA Board Retreat was held January 13, 2016 and

was helpful in focusing on priorities. The committees are now developing work plans to begin the budget process.

Under New Business, the Second Reading and consideration of Ordinance 175JJ was held. The Planning Commission has recommended that “health and exercise club” be added as a permitted use in the Industrial District of the Zoning Ordinance. This use is currently permitted in all of the Commercial Districts. The request was made by Emily Zug, of Zug Elite Training, as she would like to locate her business at 349 Water St. The property, formerly known as Builders Lumber, is owned by Brian and Nancy Wohlscheid. They have made substantial renovations and improvements to the property. The Planning Commission would like to look at adding other uses that are allowed in the Commercial Districts to the Industrial District as well.

Mayor Barnes noted that something similar was done several years ago for massage therapists in the downtown.

Emily Zug, stated that she is hoping to be operating in business in the facility by the end of February when a few renovations are finished. She is excited about the opportunity.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Ordinance 175JJ to amend Section 42-245 of the Portland City Code of Ordinances.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 16-06 for the purchase of a Stryker MX-Pro R3 cot and two Stryker Stair-Pro 6252 stair chairs for the Ambulance Department in the amount of \$11,770.22 in order to replace aging equipment to ensure the safe and reliable operation of the Department. The equipment was properly budgeted for in the 2015-2016 budget.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 16-06 approving the purchase of a Stryker MX-Pro R3 cot and two Stryker Stair-Pro 6252 stair chairs for the Portland Ambulance Department.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on January 18, 2016 and the City Council Goal Session held on January 23, 2016, payment of invoices in the amount of \$67,851.61 and payroll in the amount of \$162,594.21 for a total of \$230,445.82. A purchase order to the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association in the amount of \$12,110.00 for 2016 Safety Dues.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, the Recreation Department will host its Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the KC Hall from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.

City offices will be closed Monday, February 15, 2016 for Presidents' Day. The City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

The reconstruction of both the Goodwill and Frewen properties is moving right along. The redevelopment in this area is very exciting.

Under Council Comments, Council Member Baldyga commented that the Council Goal Session was time well spent.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk