

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, August 29, 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

Guests: Paul Galdes and Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink; Kathy Parsons; Steve Paradiso; Nicholas Grenke of the Sentinel-Standard

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

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Presentations, Paul Galdes and Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink presented information on the PASER study and evaluation that was recently completed with the assistance of City Staff. A PASER study is a method of evaluating the surface condition of the street surface only; it does not take the infrastructure under the street surface, the soils, or funding into consideration.

Mr. Moxey presented the 2016 Street Inventory Map and noted that many of Portland's roads are in good to excellent condition. They are in better shape overall than most communities.

There was discussion about the average life of roads in Michigan.

Mr. Moxey presented the Preliminary 2016 Capital Improvement Plan, Summary of Preliminary Priority Projects which includes very conceptual estimates to Council and went through the list of projects.

There was discussion of the project variables.

Mr. Paradiso commented that there is a big dip in the road on West St. near Tichvon Park and noted his suspicions that there may be something wrong under the road surface. Mr. Moxey and Mr. Galdes stated they would take a look at it after the meeting.

Mr. Paradiso also suggested that a round-a-bout be considered for the intersections at Lyons Rd., West St., and Ionia Rd. as all three roads are both yellow and will be in need of repair at some point in the future. This intersection becomes very "interesting" with all of the traffic accessing THK, Portland High School, and Westwood Elementary.

Mr. Galdes stated that this intersection may be a candidate for a mini round-a-bout similar to what was constructed in Dimondale.

There was discussion.

Mr. Moxey commented that he and Mr. Galdes would evaluate the information discussed tonight and adapt the list of prioritized projects.

Mr. Galdes stated that a plan will be created as a guide so that projects will happen, although they very rarely follow the plan as there are many variables that affect the timeline and priority of projects.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated that having a plan in place is helpful in attaining funding and helps Portland maintain excellent roads.

There was discussion.

Mr. Moxey as noted on the plan it is very important to budget funds each year for preventative maintenance for roads in order to maintain the quality of roads and to lengthen their life.

Mr. Galdes suggested that the priority of roads should be considered without the funding potential as the availability of outside funding will change the priority of the projects as it is available. The plan can be adjusted as funding becomes available. He suggested prioritizing the top 3 at this time and recommended that Rowe Ave. and James St. be considered first and second or vice versa.

Mayor Barnes stated that it would be good to know how many homes the current water infrastructure under Rowe Ave. can support. The priority of that road will depend on that information along with the potential speed of the proposed development.

City Manager Gorman suggested the Council spend time considering the information presented tonight and then establish the project priority list. He further thanked everyone for the information and time spent by everyone involved. The quality of the roads in Portland is a testament to the planning and foresight of previous City leaders.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to adjourn the special meeting.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk