

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Tuesday, January 3, 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; Police Chief Kirk

Guests: Paul Galdes and Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink; Kathy Parsons

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

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated that the City of Portland will host the Grand River Water Trail meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at City Hall to discuss the ongoing project to develop a water trail along Grand River. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The City Council Goal Session will be held Monday evening, January 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

City Manager Gorman will meet with Roman Wilson of the DEQ in regard to brownfields to ensure that Portland is taking full advantage of all opportunities available.

City Staff will be soon be setting the date for the Annual Cleanup Day and working toward establishing internal controls to address the number of trips made by individuals, traffic, and other issues.

City Staff will be looking into making technology upgrades to the Council Chambers and City Hall.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 17-01 to approve the Street Capital Improvement Plan prepared by Fleis & VandenBrink. City Manager Gorman explained that in order to effectively assess the condition of the City streets and prioritize projects, city staff and city engineers conducted a street inventory based on the Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating (PASER) study for street surface condition rating. A public meeting was held on Monday, August 29, 2016 to review the findings of the PASER study and to seek input from the City Council and the public in regard to the prioritization of projects. Based on the findings of the PASER study and input received at the public meeting, the city engineers and city staff developed the Capital Improvement Plan.

Paul Galdes, of Fleis & VandenBrink, stated that the priority of street improvements by use of the PASER program is to assess the street surfaces. The known condition of the utility infrastructure also needs to be taken into account. Over time other factors can also affect the anticipated priority of street projects.

Jon Moxey, of Fleis & VandenBrink, presented the proposed Capital Improvement Plan with the projects and anticipated date of construction.

There was discussion of the potential SAW Grant funding which would allow for further planning purposes related to the wastewater system and the priority for street projects.

Mr. Moxey also provided information on the consideration given to the anticipated extra \$500,000-\$600,000 for the realignment of a new Divine Hwy. bridge next to the current one. The application for funding has been revised to NOT include a newly aligned bridge which is likely to make the application more attractive for approval.

City Manager Gorman stated that the only advantage to building a new bridge next to the current bridge is the convenience having it open during construction.

Mr. Moxey stated there would be a possibility off keeping the current bridge as a pedestrian bridge.

Mr. Galdes pointed out that would be another bridge that would need to be maintained by the City.

City Manager Gorman further stated that a newly placed bridge closed to Two Rivers Park may affect development plans for that area.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 17-01 approving the Capital Improvement Plan prepared by Fleis & VandenBrink.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on December 19, 2016, payment of invoices in the amount of \$118,421.60 and payroll in the amount of \$195,488.78 for a total of \$313,910.38. A purchase order to Utility Service Company in the amount of \$15,416.63 for quarterly maintenance of the water towers was included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman reminded residents that parking is prohibited on City streets between 2:00 and 6:00 A.M. through April 1<sup>st</sup> to aid DPW crews in the safe removal of snow. He further reminded residents to remove snow from sidewalks and around fire hydrants.

City Manager Gorman thanked city staff for being available and on call over the Holiday Season.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk