

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, March 6, 2017

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 Sergeant (Acting Chief) Thomas

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Mike Judd; Karen Bota 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 Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Proposed Agenda as presented.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated the EDC met and recommended, giving the City Manager discretion to make nonmaterial changes to the Sparrow documents including the purchase agreement and the restrictive covenant. The documents will likely be presented to Council for consideration at its next meeting.

The Planning Commission will meet on March 22, 2017 to consider the Special Land Use Application and Site Plan for ConfluxCity Brewing Company as well as reconsider the site plan for McDonald's.

The survey results for implementation of curbside recycling have not changed much, it still looks as if 75-80% of residents are in favor of adding this service. The final results will be presented to Council in the future.

The DDA hiring process continues to move forward. There are two applicants that will be interviewed next week.

The Grand River Water Trail Program will hold its Annual Spring Forum on April 13, 2017 in Cascade Township.

City Manager Gorman noted that Chief Kirk is taking a leave of absence to handle a family medical issue. Sgt. Thomas will fill the role of Acting Chief.

Mayor Barnes stated he has faith in her ability to fill this role.

Under New Business, the Council held the Second Reading of Ordinance 175KK to amend the City Zoning Map as requested by Jim Hilligan to rezone the properties located at 260 W. Grand River Ave. near Pleasant Street (34-300-050-000-015-00) and the property located at 135 Water Street (34-300-250-000-490-00) to C-2 under Section 42-33 of the Zoning Ordinance. This corner lot has a total of five different parcels. Currently, three of the parcels are zoned C-2. The request is to rezone two of the other

parcels to C-2 in order to maintain a consistent and unified piece of property that will better accommodate the proposed project and any future businesses that may wish to occupy the property.

City Manager Gorman explained that although the property to the back, along Pleasant St., is listed as one of the properties to be rezoned City staff is reasonably confident it is already zoned C-2. Some internal documents indicate it might have been zoned R-2. All official city and county records show that it is zoned C-2. In an abundance of caution it too has been included in the rezoning request.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Ordinance 175KK to amend the City Zoning Map.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-18 to authorize the City Manager to sell the obsolete 2004 Horton Ambulance that was purchased by the City in 2013 for \$21,370.00. The Ambulance Director sought bids and has a tentative agreement from Ronald Township Fire Department to purchase the ambulance for \$14,000.00.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 17-18 approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to sell obsolete equipment.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-19 to approve payment of Bill No. 8 to MDOT in the amount of \$5,200.00 for work performed on the Kent Street Improvement Project. The City Engineer on the project has reviewed the bill and recommends its payment.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 17-19 approving payment of Bill No. 8 to the Michigan Department of Transportation for work performed on the Kent Street Improvement Project.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 21, 2017, payment of invoices in the amount of \$74,290.71 and payroll in the amount of \$104,161.51 for a total of \$178,452.22. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman informed residents that the Annual Cleanup Day will be held Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Department of Public Works. This year each household will be limited to one pickup/trailer load in order to ensure that all residents can participate. Both Portland and Danby Township Supervisors support this change. The Hazardous

Waste Cleanup will also be held Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to Noon on the east side of the Fire Department.

The Annual Block Party will be held Saturday, May 20, 2017. More information to come.

City Manager Gorman noted that the city limits signs will be updated soon.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Barnes noted that an application from Mike Judd for the Board of Review was distributed at the meeting tonight. His appointment will be considered at the next Council meeting.

Council Member Baldyga noted the disrepair that the Rodeo grounds at Bogue Flats is falling into. The Council is looking for input from the public on its future.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk