

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, June 19, 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 Chief Kirk

Guests: Chris Teachout; Dan Paquet of the WODA Group

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

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 he will attend training tomorrow, June 20, 2017 through the MEDC for Redevelopment Ready Communities to review the City's development processes to evaluate anything that can be improved. DDA/Main Street Director Conner Wellman will also attend the training.

The City has been discussing a formal dedication of the new Brush Street Park equipment with representatives of the WODA Group. The event has tentatively been scheduled for Monday, July 10, 2017.

The City of Portland was awarded the Brownfield Redevelopment Grant through the DEQ. The City has resumed discussions with ADM Alliance Nutrition regarding the City taking the property at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Divine Hwy. The potential relocation of the Divine Hwy. Bridge when it is reconstructed is one of the factors being discussed. The DNR has responded that they do not have an issue with the potential bridge relocation that would slightly encroach on park property.

City Manager Gorman stated that he and staff met with representatives of ACD.net and visited the proposed sites for location of cell polls as noted in the application they have submitted to the City. Representatives of ACD.net have been provided a draft METRO Act and Franchise Agreement.

The City will be working with Fleis & VandenBrink to review the Wellhead Protection Program that was updated in 2014 in order to apply for grant funds.

Fleis & VandenBrink has completed the preliminary design work on the James St. Improvement Project. The City Council will hold a public workshop on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 to review the preliminary design. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

McDonald's will begin redevelopment of their building and property the first week of July.

City Manager Gorman congratulated the St. Patrick's baseball team on winning the Division IV Baseball State Championship this past weekend. He thanked the Portland Police Department and the Portland Area Fire Authority for the enthusiastic welcome home escort the baseball team received.

Under Presentations, Mr. Dan Paquet, contractor for the WODA Group, presented an update and photos on the redevelopment of Old School Manor.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 17-53 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 17-53 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-54 to approve the City of Portland's Defined Benefit Adoption Agreements for union and nonunion employees hired prior to July 1, 2010 that are covered under the MERS Plan B4 Plan with the F 50/25 waiver must now contribute 2% of their gross wages each payroll into the MERS Retirement Plan, beginning July 1, 2017. This requirement applies to union (GELC & POLC) and nonunion City employees.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 17-54 approving the City of Portland's Defined Benefit Adoption Agreements for union and nonunion employees.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-55 to approve the revised MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreements (Benefit Program HA/HB/HC) and approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to sign same. The City has reformed its pension plan for all employees hired after July 1, 2010 so that new hires will be placed in a MERS Hybrid Pension with a 1% Defined Benefit (DB) pension multiplier that cannot be increased and a Defined Contribution portion that requires new hires to contribute 3% of their wages to the Defined Contribution (DC) pension portion. The Employer's DB and DC combined pension contribution is capped at 7% and if the DB portion costs less than 7% then the employer will contribute the difference to the employees' DC portion.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 17-55 approving the revised MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreements (Benefit Program HA/HB/HC) and approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to sign same.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-56 to opt out of the Low Income Energy Assistance Fund, contingent on the approval of the Board of Light and Power, created by Public Act 95 of 2013 that

requires all electric utilities to charge up to \$.99 per month on customer bills to raise revenue. The City of Portland has opted out of this program since 2014.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 17-56 to opt out of the Low Income Energy Assistance Fund created by Public Act 95 of 2013 contingent upon the approval of the Board of Light and Power.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-57 to confirm the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 17-57 confirming the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-58 to approve the issuance of a Transient Trader Permit to Chris Teachout to allow a food trailer to sell BBQ in the vacant lot at the corner of Grand River Ave. and Divine Hwy. owned by ADM Alliance Nutrition. The requested hours of operation are on Thursdays from 4:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. through August 31, 2017. City Manager Gorman recommended City Council approve the additional guidelines to specifically address mobile food trucks.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck recused himself from the vote as Mr. Teachout is a family member.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 17-58 approving issuance of a Transient Trader Permit for a BBQ food trailer.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Abstained: VanSlambrouck

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 17-59 to approve, authorize, and direct the Mayor to sign an amendment to the Water Tank Maintenance Contract for the 400,000 gallon water storage tank at 501 Charlotte Hwy. to provide professional services for painting of the City logo on 2 sides of the water tower. The cost of \$29,835.00 will be spread over three years and incorporated into the annual maintenance fee.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 17-59 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor to sign an amendment to the Water Tank Maintenance Contract for the 400,000 gallon water storage tank at 501 Charlotte Hwy.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 5, 2017, payment of invoices in the amount of \$161,796.98 and payroll in the amount of \$104,549.36 for a total of \$266,346.34. Purchase orders to T&R Electric in the amount of \$4,574.00 for a transformer; Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$5,758.15 for James Street Design Services; Steve's Meter Service in the amount of \$6,180.00 for meters; Chrouch Communications in the amount of \$6,922.00 for portable radios; Fleis & VandenBrink Operations in the amount of \$7,153.50 for WWTP services; Granger in the amount of \$7,665.00 for the Spring Clean Up; Superior Asphalt Inc. in the amount of \$7,980.00 for paving of the driveway at well #4; Santander Leasing LLC in the amount of \$26,551.94 for the ambulance lease payment; and Portland Area Fire Authority in the amount of \$27,494.45 for 4th Quarter fire services were also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman noted that the next Council meeting will be held Wednesday, July 5, 2017 due to the 4th of July holiday.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Barnes congratulated Fleis & VandenBrink for the recent report by MLive for being recognized by Zweig Group, a consulting firm out of Arkansas, as the 30th fastest-growing architecture, engineering, planning and environmental consulting firm in the United States.

Council Member Baldyga encouraged the residents of James Street and any others interested to attend the Special Council Meeting on June 21, 2017. Input from the residents is appreciated. He further thanked residents that volunteer to serve on City Boards and Commissions. He also congratulated the St. Patrick's Baseball Team.

Council Member Johnston thanked the Portland Area Fire Authority for the excellent response to the structure fire that occurred at a family member's residence this afternoon.

Council Member Baldyga noted that this week is the 2nd Anniversary of the tornado that hit Portland and the response to it was an amazing display of community support, goodwill and development.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk