

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, March 5, 2018

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 Thomas

Guests: Kathy Parsons, City Representative to the Portland Area Fire Authority; Mike Judd; Crystal Fowler, Student of Baker College; State Representative Julie Calley and her daughter Karagan

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

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated the closing on the purchase of property along Cutler Rd. by Sparrow has taken place. The City will now move forward with the design and bid process of the road off from Cutler Rd. This is anticipated to be a milestone development.

The City has received the final executed ADM Donation Agreement. Updates to the Phase I Environmental Assessment Study will begin this week. The closing on the property should take place relatively soon.

As part of the process of adopting the Portland 5-Year Park & Recreation Plan 2018-2022 the plan had to be submitted to the DNR by March 1, 2018 which has been accomplished. A grant application for a project possibly at Toan Park is expected to be submitted by April 1, 2018.

The City will be applying to MDOT for replacement of the Divine Hwy. Bridge through the Local Bridge Program. If the application is approved funding would be for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. While the bridge is deteriorating it is still safe for travel.

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 to consider a Special Land Use Request by Muffler Man for the property at 738 E. Grand River Ave. to construct a 1,198 square foot addition to the existing 1,804 square foot motor vehicle repair garage. The Planning Commission will also review plans for the potential development of Toan Park which would include the vacation of the roadway between Toan Park and the Powers Park ball field. St. Patrick Church has also provided an updated site plan for redevelopment of Father Flohe Field that will be reviewed.

Under Presentations, Representative Calley provided a legislative update.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 18-13 to approve the Portland Area Fire Authority Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated that the Authority is looking at the purchase of new equipment and turn out gear in the proposed budget.

There was discussion with City Representative Parsons regarding the funding formula.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 18-13 approving a budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for the Portland Area Fire Authority.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-14 to approve AECOM's proposal for Annual Water Level Monitoring, Downstream Fish Passage and Nuisance Plant Monitoring and Reporting for 2018 and 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$32,875.00. These services are required as part of the City's licensing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 18-14 approving AECOM's proposal for Annual Water Level Monitoring, Downstream Fish Passage and Nuisance Plant Monitoring and Reporting for 2018 and 2019.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 18-15 to approve the purchase of a Falcon Asphalt Hot Box Trailer through the MiDeal Program in the amount of \$28,585.82 for the Department of Public Works to be used for road maintenance.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 18-15 approving the purchase of a Hot Box Trailer for the Department of Public Works.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, 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 and Closed Session held on February 20, 2018, payment of invoices in the amount of \$96,511.94 and payroll in the amount of \$103,146.59 for a total of \$199,658.53, and a purchase order to Resco in the amount of \$8,070.00 for one roll of Kerite wire.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman noted that J-Dubbs, a new sandwich shop, is planning to open on April 5, 2018. They are located on Grand River Ave. next to the Village Laundry.

City Manager Gorman also noted that a Street Closure Permit has been filed with the City for the filming of a commercial on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Under Council Comments, Council Member Baldyga stated that although it is not a City initiative he is trying to raise awareness of Human Trafficking. He recently met with some members of the community to begin discussions toward this goal. They plan to meet again in the future.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk