

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, April 15, 2019

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; DDA/Main Street Director ConnerWellman

Guests: Kathy Parsons, Robert Lathers of The Beacon; Mitchell Boatman of the Ionia 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 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 that the statistically valid survey for the Broadband Initiative Project has been completed. The City should receive the full report of results within a week or two.

The City continues to work with both Portland Public School and St. Patrick Schools on the Safe Routes to School grant process.

The final punch list items on Hyland Dr. will take place this spring.

Construction on the Grand River Ave. Bridge Improvement Project is expected to take place in Spring 2020. Survey and design work will take place soon. This project will include improvements to the approaches to the bridge.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the MDOT Small Urban Project on Grand River Ave. from the City limits to around Rowe Ave. is also expected to take place in Spring 2020.

The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 where they received information on a proposed development of elderly housing by The Brook at the Rindlehaven property. Their next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 where they will consider a request by Bill Fabiano to rezone 103 E. Grand River Ave. from C-2 to C-1 to allow a lot split. They will also consider requests from Mayberry Homes to amend the TND PUD for the Rindlehaven

Development and The Brook to rezone a portion of the TND PUD to R-3 and for a Special Land Use Permit.

City Manager Gorman also stated that Tim Fuller has been doing extensive work to the Opera Block Properties on Kent St. City Manager Gorman and Chief Thomas are working with Mr. Fuller to minimize the impact to the downtown as much as possible.

Under Presentations, DDA/Main Street Director ConnerWellman presented her report on downtown activities. Director ConnerWellman provided updates on business and property in the DDA District along with other projects and recent activities. The DDA will be considering a change in funding for façade projects at their next meeting.

Mayor Barnes presented the 2019 Arbor Day Proclamation proclaiming April 26, 2019 as Arbor Day in the City of Portland and indicating seedlings will be distributed at the schools and a tree planting will be held that day at the Red Mill Pavilion at 2:00 P.M.

Under New Business, the First Reading of Ordinance 175NN to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portland by adding a new Section 42-318 entitled “Small Wireless Communications Facilities” to Chapter 42 “Zoning” of said code.

City Manager Gorman explained that Ordinance 175NN would create the regulatory framework for the public right-of-way. This is the sister ordinance to Ordinance 199 for Small Cell Wireless Communication Facilities that was approved by Council on March 18, 2019.

The Council considered Resolution 19-21 to schedule a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget on May 6, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 19-21 setting a Public Hearing on the budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, 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 held on April 1, 2019, payment of invoices in the amount of \$73,777.82 and payroll in the amount of \$116,209.18 for a total of \$189,987.00. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000.00.

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman stated that due to the construction that will take place at Portland High School over the summer the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks will be held at Bogue Flats.

City Manager Gorman further noted that the annual Clean Up Day will be held Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the DPW compound from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. This year’s cleanup will again be a joint effort with Danby Township and Portland Township. Residents will be limited to one load per household.

The tentative date for the annual budget workshop is Monday, April 22, 2019 at 5:30 P.M.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted that the new Muffler Man store should be ready to open very soon.

He further extended congratulations to City Manager Gorman for being part of the creation of the new City Manager forum, Michigan Municipal Managers Collaboration, to exchange information and ideas.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck extended condolences to the people of France on the extensive fire at the Notre Dame Cathedral that occurred today; the steeple has collapsed.

Mayor Barnes echoed his condolences as well.

Mayor Barnes reminded residents that today is Tax Day and noted that the filing deadline for the City of Portland is April 30, 2019.

Council Member Baldyga echoed the sentiments extended by Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck and Mayor Barnes.

Council Member Baldyga stated that he loves the common sense approach the City Manager Gorman and other City Managers across the state use; they are creating a model for others.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk