

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, October 7, 2019

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes; Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Member Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, and Johnston; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Finance Officer/Treasurer Tolan; Ambulance Director Gensterblum; Police Chief Thomas

Guests: Jerry & Karen Sherman; Kathy Parsons; Erica Sheehan; Dr. Jason Williamson; State Representative Julie Calley; Bill Roeser, President and CEO of Sparrow Ionia; Local Boy Scouts from Troop 129; Chief Krizov, Doug Logel Jr., Greg Skeide, and Glenn Schafer of the Portland Area Fire Authority; Zac Waltersdorf and Family, Jake Schafer and Family, and Madison Gensterblum of the Portland Ambulance Department; Officers Listerman, Burkhardt, Goggins, Kauffman of the Portland Police Department and their families.

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

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Public Comment, State Representative Julie Calley provided an update on State Budget process in Lansing.

Dr. Jason Williamson presented the game ball from the Vintage Baseball Game played as part of the Sesquicentennial Celebration on Sunday, September 22, 2019 to Mayor Barnes who accepted it on behalf of the City.

Mayor Barnes thanked Dr. Williamson for all of the time and effort he put into planning and organizing the event.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman stated the preliminary site plan for the Sparrow Development on Cutler Rd. will be presented to the Planning Commission at its meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

City Manager Gorman stated that he continues to work with representatives of Taco Bell on preliminary plans for a potential development.

City Manager Gorman stated that a splash pad has been included in the DDA TIF Plan for quite some time. The DDA has collaborated with the Parks and Recreation Department to apply for

grant funding for the construction of a splash pad. Unfortunately, it does not look as if the City will receive the grant funding. The DDA is working with the City's engineers on a contingency plan to proceed with the splash pad.

Under Presentations, City Manager Gorman stated that on September 7, 2019, Ionia County Central Dispatch received a 911 call from Terry Sherman who needed assistance for his wife, Karen who was having difficulty breathing. It was soon determined that the patient had gone into cardiac arrest. Portland Police Department was first on scene where Officers Kauffman and Burkhardt conducted two rounds of CPR and took over compressions from Mr. Sherman.

Officer Kauffman placed an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) on the patient delivering one shock. Portland Ambulance arrived soon thereafter where Paramedic Zack Waltersdorf and EMT Jake Schafer continued CPR and ALS (Advanced Life Support) measures while the patient was transported to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing. Firefighters Doug Logel Jr., Greg Skeide, Glenn Schafer and Chad Weiler of the Portland Area Fire Authority also responded to the scene and provided assistance.

It is a testament to the work the City's Emergency Personnel perform that Mrs. Sherman is able to be at the Council meeting tonight.

Police Chief Thomas provided further information on the event.

Mrs. Karen Sherman thanked all of the individuals that were involved in saving her life.

Ambulance Director Gensterblum provided a recap of the event and thanked Mr. Sherman the 9-1-1 Central Dispatch personnel for their efforts.

Fire Chief Krizov stated that his crew did not play a large part in the event but he thanked his crew for being there and extended his appreciation for the cooperation between departments.

City Manager Gorman thanked everyone for their service and stated that emergency personnel in the City of Portland have truly been tested; they are the best in the State.

Police Chief Thomas recognized other life saving efforts performed by Officers Listerman, Goggins, Kaufman and Burkhardt.

Mayor Barnes stated he could be a part of these kinds of recognitions all day long. Emergency personnel deal with life and death situations every day. He further thanked them for all they do.

Bill Roeser, President and CEO of Sparrow Ionia, presented the rendering of the new Sparrow Medical Group building to be developed in Portland and outlined the services that will be provided. They are hoping to be open by Summer 2020.

There was discussion.

City Manager Gorman stated that the preliminary site plan will be presented to the Planning Commission on Wednesday, October 9, 2019. The final site plan review is expected to take place at the Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. It is likely that a couple of variances will be needed. City Manager Gorman noted that Mr. Roeser is a member of the Planning Commission and will be abstaining during this process.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 19-59 to approve a proposal from Pulse Broadband to create an Executable Project Plan (EPP) for an estimate amount of \$35,000.00 - \$45,000.00 for the development of broadband infrastructure for continued economic development in the City of Portland and service to its residents. At its meeting on September 24, 2019, the Board of Light and Power recommended that Council approve the proposal.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 19-59 approving a proposal from Pulse Broadband to create an Executable Project Plan (EPP) and approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor to sign the Professional Services Agreement for the City of Portland.

Yeas: Johnston, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 19-60 to approve MDOT Contract No. 19-5487 to provide \$375,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Funds for the Grand River Avenue Improvement Project, between Cutler Road and Rowe Avenue.

Motion by Baldyga, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 19-60 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor and Clerk to sign MDOT Contract No. 19-5487 to provide \$375,000 in Federal Surface Transportation Funds for the Grand River Avenue Improvement Project.

Yeas: Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 19-61 to approve construction costs estimated to be \$51,546.00 for the Bridge Street Realignment Project. During the planning stages of the Safe Routes to School project, the City requested city engineers review the geometrics of the intersection of W. Grand River Ave. and Bridge St. for the possibility of enhancing safety. The city engineers recommend reconstructing Bridge St. to align with Quarterline St.

City Manager Gorman presented a sketch of the proposed changes to the intersection. He noted that a dedicated turn lane will be added for traffic travelling east on W. Grand River Ave. and turning onto Bridge St.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Baldyga, to approve Resolution 19-61 approving the construction costs for the Bridge Street Realignment Project.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 19-62 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Finance Officer/Treasurer Tolan answered some questions related to the proposed amendments.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 19-62 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Baldyga, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Baldyga, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 16, 2019, payment of invoices in the amount of \$179,264.15 and payroll in the amount of \$226,557.83 for a total of \$405,821.98. Purchase orders to Greg Cook Builders in the amount of \$7,233.45 for painting of street lamp posts and Signature Ford in the amount of \$33,874.00 for a 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle were also included.

Yeas: Baldyga, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman thanked Chief Thomas and the Police Department for their efforts involved with the bomb threat to Portland Public Schools that took place on September 25, 2019.

Under Council Member Comments, Mayor Barnes recapped the Sesquicentennial events held over the weekend of September 20 – 22, 2019. This historical event was made possible with a very large group effort.

Mayor Barnes noted that he represented the City at an Eagle Scout Celebration for Jesse Ward on October 6, 2019. Mr. Ward built a fire pit at the VFW Post to be used for the appropriate disposal of unusable, retired United States flags.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated that the Stuff the Bus event to benefit the local coat drive is going on now through October 17, 2019. They are accepting winter clothing and food.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted that the VFW will be hosting Burger Nights on Friday, October 11, 2019 to benefit the Portland Senior Center and Friday, November 1, 2019 to benefit the Portland Community Fund.

Council Member Baldyga noted that meetings like tonight's are a privilege to be a part of.

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

Yeas: Baldyga, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk