

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, September 20, 2021

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall

259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, and Johnston; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Thomas; Electric Superintendent Davlin; DDA Director ConnerWellman

Absent: Council Member Sheehan

Guests: Kathy Parsons

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

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the agenda amended to excuse the absence of Council Member Sheehan.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Sheehan

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman provided photos of the progress made on the Toan Park Revitalization Project. All of the concrete work is complete. Alternative parking configurations are being considered along Water Street.

The gas leak along Grand River Ave. adjacent to Toan Park has been repaired by Consumers Energy. City Manager Gorman noted that the Consumers Energy crew did a great job and worked well with City staff.

A Phase I Environmental Study of the property being proposed for donation to the DDA by Fabiano's on Grand River Ave is underway.

The Board of Light and Power has scheduled a power outage on October 15, 2021 at 11:45 P.M. through October 16, 2021 at noon to replace the reclosers between the Consumers Energy substation, which provides about 95% of Portland's power, and the city-wide electrical distribution system.

The workshop scheduled for September 14, 2021 with all three jurisdictions of the Portland Area Municipal Authority was cancelled. It will be rescheduled.

Under Presentations, Electric Superintendent Todd Davlin introduced himself to the City Council and outlined his goals for the Electric Department.

There was discussion.

DDA Director ConnerWellman provided her report on downtown activities and presented information on the Toan Park Revitalization Project.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 21-49 to enter into a new two-year agreement with HydroCorp at a cost of \$12,600.00 to continue to provide a cross connection control program for the City of Portland. This program helps to protect the City's water system from outside contaminants.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 21-49 approving HydroCorp's proposal to provide a Cross Connection Control Program for the City of Portland.

Yeas: Johnston, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Sheehan

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 21-50 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The Finance Director has reviewed current fund balances and expenditures and recommends the proposed amendments.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 21-50 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Sheehan

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 21-51 to approve a License Agreement to permit the Friends of the Red Mill to hold a Haunted House at the Red Mill in October.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 21-51 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a License Agreement to permit holding a Haunted House at the Red Mill.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Sheehan

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting on September 7,

2021, payment of invoices in the amount of \$119,065.43 and payroll in the amount of \$115,133.80 for a total of \$234,199.23. Purchase orders to Total Technical Assurance Group in the amount of \$10,000.00 for Broadband Development Services and NutriGro Environmental Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$13,489.60 for Biosolids land application were also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Sheehan

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman presented photos from the 9/11 Ceremony held on September 11, 2021 commemorating the 20th anniversary of that day.

City Manager Gorman also presented a picture of Mayor Barnes presenting the Portland High School Girls Basketball State Champions with a city sign on Friday, September 11, 2021.

Under Council Comments, Council Member Johnston thanked City staff for their cooperation with the movie night hosted by the Civic Players on September 11, 2021 on Maple Street in front of the theatre.

There was discussion with Electric Superintendent Davlin regarding installing LED street lights in the City of Portland.

Council Member Fitzsimmons commented that the new pavilion being installed at Toan Park looks fantastic.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Sheehan

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk