

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, June 20, 2022

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall
259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, Johnston, and Sheehan; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller

Guests: Kathy Parsons

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

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve the proposed agenda.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman noted that he has issued a correspondence outlining and explaining the challenges with design for the upcoming Kent St. Improvement Project. He further outlined the funding and related concerns with the project design. The communication with the public has been received well.

Preliminary work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project continues to move along well. City staff has been working on a utility billing guide to outline water and wastewater rates and questions related to both. Another publication will be developed for electric service.

The Planning Commission met and continued its review of the draft zoning ordinance update. City Manager Gorman noted that he and Paul LeBlanc, the City's zoning consultant, met with Mr. Schroeder of Mayberry Homes to discuss options for the Rindlehaven property.

The prebid meeting for the Request for Proposals for the Fiber Project was held on June 15, 2022. There were a couple of interested bidders in attendance.

There were no presentations.

Under New Business, the City Council considered Resolution 22-49 to approve the agreement between the City of Portland and the City employees represented by the Chapter of the Governmental Employees Labor Council (GELC).

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 22-49 approving the agreement between the City of Portland and the City Employees represented by the Chapter of the Governmental Employees Labor Council (GELC).

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-50 approving a cost-of-living adjustment for non-union City employees.

Motion by Johnston, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 22-50 approving a cost-of-living adjustment for non-union City employees.

Yeas: Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-51 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The Finance Director has reviewed current fund balances and expenditures and recommends Council approve the proposed amendments.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 22-51 to Amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-52 to approve the revised MERS Hybrid Plan Agreements. 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 City's DB and DC combined pension contribution is capped at 7% and if the DB portion costs less than 7%, then the City will contribute the difference to the employees DC portion.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 22-52 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, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 22-53 to confirm the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 22-53 confirming the Mayor's appointments to City Boards and Commissions.

Yeas: Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, 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 on June 6, 2022, payment of invoices in the amount of \$254,757.74 and payroll in the amount of \$173,071.09 for a total of \$427,828.83. Purchase orders to Granger in the amount of \$6,732.09 for the 2022 Clean Up Day and Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$14,546.19 for engineering services for the Kent Street Improvement Project were also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes
Nays: None
Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman noted the St. Patrick SummerFest will be held this upcoming weekend.

City Manager Gorman reminded residents to mow their lawns and pick up after their dogs when in public areas.

The next Council meeting will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Under Council Comments, Council Member Sheehan noted the 4th of July parade will be held at 10:00 A.M. on July 4, 2022.

Mayor Barnes noted his appreciation for the DDA's efforts to build the splash pad. It is great to see it in use so often by the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck noted the fireworks will be held on Friday, July 1, 2022.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes
Nays: None
Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk