

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, February 6, 2023

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 Sheehan; City Manager Gorman; City Clerk Miller; Police Officer Smith

Absent: Council Member Johnston

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Mike Judd; Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink; Scott Truman of Granger Waste Services

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

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Motion by Sheehan, supported by VanSlambrouck, to excuse the absence of Council Member Johnston.

Yeas: Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman noted the Council Goal Session was held on Monday, January 30, 2023. He thanked the Council for their guidance and vision and provided an overview of upcoming projects.

City Manager Gorman stated the Rindlehaven property is currently under contract for purchase from Mayberry Homes. He anticipates a request to rezone the property.

Under Presentations, Scott Truman of Granger Waste Services provided information on the company and the service they provide.

Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink provided information on the proposed replacement of the Divine Hwy. Bridge and the process involved to obtain funding for the project. MDOT granted funding for the project in the 2021 funding cycle with construction scheduled to take place in 2024. MDOT will fund 95% of the project and the City will pay 5% plus engineering costs.

Mr. Moxey noted the design proposal for the Divine Hwy. Bridge Replacement is on the agenda for consideration tonight. If approved, the design process will continue throughout 2023 with construction expected in 2024. If the impact of construction on both the Diving Hwy. Bridge and Kent St. is too significant in 2024 then the bridge project can be moved to 2025.

There was discussion of the anticipated detours that will be required for the Divine Hwy. Bridge Replacement Project and the careful consideration that has been given to the impact on the community and affected residents.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 23-04 to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Refuse Collection Agreement with Granger Waste Services.

City Manager Gorman noted there has not been an increase in cost of service since 2017.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated he is proud of City residents for their recycling efforts which are some of the best when compared across the State and Nation.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 23-04 authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Refuse Collection Agreement with Granger Waste Services.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 23-05 to approve Fleis & VandenBrink's proposal to provide Design Engineering Services in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Divine Highway Bridge Replacement Project.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 23-05 to approve Fleis & VandenBrink's proposal to provide Design Engineering Services for the Divine Highway Bridge Replacement Project.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 23-06 to authorize River's Edge Lane to be added to the City's Act 51 Map.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 23-06 to authorize River's Edge Lane to be added to the City's Act 51 Map.

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

The Council considered Resolution 23-07 to authorize W. Orchard Street to be added to the City's Act 51 Map.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 23-07 authorizing W. Orchard Street be added to the City's Act 51 Map.

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

The Council considered Resolution 23-08 to authorize Barr Street to be added to the City's Act 51 Map.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 23-08 authorizing Barr Street be added to the City's Act 51 Map.

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

The Council considered Resolution 23-09 to approve payment to Fleis & VandenBrink Construction in the amount of \$65,718.00 for work performed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 23-09 approving payment to F&V Construction for work performed for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

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

The Council considered Resolution 23-10 to approve Maner Costerisan's proposal to provide professional audit services for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 23-10 approving Maner Costerisan's proposal to provide professional audit services.

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

The Council considered Resolution 23-11 to approve a proposal from NTH Consultants, Ltd., in the amount of \$35,000.00, to provide Environmental Compliance Services to the Electric Department related to the operation of the diesel engines. At its regular meeting on January 31, 2023, the Board of Light and Power, voted to recommend the Council approve this proposal.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 23-11 approving a proposal from NTH Consultants, Ltd. to provide Environmental Compliance Services to the Electric Department related to the operation of its diesel engines.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 23-12 to approve a power purchase commitment through the Michigan Public Power Agency to enter into a transaction regarding a Battery Energy Storage System Capacity Purchase and Sale Agreement to meet a portion of future load requirements.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Fitzsimmons, to approve Resolution 23-12 approving a power purchase commitment through the Michigan Public Power Agency.

Yeas: Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Sheehan, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting on January 16, 2023, the Special City Council meeting held on January 16, 2023, the City Council Goal Session held on January 30, 2023, payment of invoices in the amount of \$136,796.29 and payroll in the amount of \$252,702.25 for a total of \$389,498.54. Purchase orders to the MMEA in the amount of \$5,902.00 for 2023 membership dues, the Portland Area Municipal Authority in the amount of \$8,117.55 for repairs to the emergency services building, Power Line Supply in the amount of \$8,470.21 for six single phase transformers, the City of Portland in the amount of \$12,138.00 for permit fees for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project, Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$18,130.26 for services related to the Kent Street Improvement Project, and Stryker in the amount of \$24,248.41 for a Lifepak 15 Monitor were also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Fitzsimmons, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman provided some development updates on businesses located in the City.

The Daddy/Daughter Dance hosted by the Recreation Department will be held February 22 and 23, 2023 at the KC Hall.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Barnes congratulated the newest Eagle Scouts John Dodson, Brandon Kowatch, and Jackson Weygandt.

Council Member Sheehan noted it is almost unheard of to have three Eagle Scouts at a time in a community; all three of these individuals are outstanding young men.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated that VFW Post 129 is supportive of the Scouts and extends its congratulations to the new Eagle Scouts.

The VFW will host a walleye dinner on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 5:00 P.M.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Johnston

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk