



City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, May 1, 2023

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall

259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Johnston, and Sheehan; City Manager Gorman (via Zoom); City Clerk Miller; DDA Director ConnerWellman; Police Chief Thomas

Absent: Council Member Fitzsimmons

Guests: Kathy Parsons; Mike Judd

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

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

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Sheehan, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

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

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under City Manager Report, City Manager Gorman made his report via Zoom and noted the First Reading of a revision to the Sign Ordinance will be held at the May 15, 2023, City Council meeting to address revisions related to election signs.

The Annual Ambulance Meeting with the participating jurisdictions was held on April 20, 2023. The meeting went very well. There will be no increase to the per capita fees for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 and the new Ambulance Director Dan Sowles was introduced.

City Manager Gorman noted the Sparks Grant for improvements to Community Lake Park was not successful in the first round. The City received constructive feedback on its application and will reapply for funding in the second round process.

The City has received a request to rezone the Rindlehaven property from the current PUD to R-2 for residential development. The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at its meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

The City Council will hold its Annual Budget Workshop to review the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

City Manager Gorman noted that he is working with State Representative Senator Gina Johnson and Rick Outman to seek \$8 million in funding through appropriations at the State level for the portions of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project that had to be eliminated due to the cost of the project.

The City received a sneak peek at the new website design and continues to work on updating and improving the functionality of the website.

Under Presentations, DDA Director ConnerWellman presented her report on DDA activities.

Under New Business, the Council held the Second Reading and considered Ordinance 175TT to restate Chapter 42 – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Johnston, to approve Ordinance 175TT to restate Chapter 42 – Zoning of the Code of Ordinances.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 23-32 to schedule the Public Hearing for the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 on May 15, 2023, at 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 23-32 setting a Public Hearing on the Budget proposed for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 23-33 to request the Michigan State Legislature and Governor include funding in the 2023 Budget for communities following Pension Best Practices established by the State.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve Resolution 23-33 to request that Legislature/Governor include funding in the 2023 Budget for communities following pension best practices established by the State.

Yeas: Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

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 April 17, 2023, payment of invoices in the amount of \$226,440.00 and payroll in the amount of \$142,228.71 for a total of \$368,668.71. Purchase orders to Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$8,438.80 for services related to the Kent Street Improvement Project, Soil and Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$9,955.00 for a Geotechnical Investigation of the property located on Grant Street, Miratech in the amount of \$12,020.00 for a catalyst for the Fairbanks Morse generator, Chop in the amount of \$13,764.65 for tree trimming services, and

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NutriGro Environmental Solutions in the amount of \$27,800.00 for biosolids hauling and land application were also included.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Johnston, Sheehan, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

Under City Manager Comments, City Manager Gorman noted the Annual Clean Up Day will be held Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 7:00 A.M. to Noon at the DPW Compound and will include electronic and hazardous waste collection.

Under Council Comments, Mayor Barnes acknowledged the retirement of CEO Harvey Hoskins from the Portland Federal Credit Union after many years of service.

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

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Barnes

Nays: None

Absent: Fitzsimmons

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk