

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Goal Session

Held on Saturday, January 25, 2014

In the Executive Conference Room at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Krause, Fitzsimmons, and Sunstrum

Staff: City Manager Dempsey and City Clerk Miller

The session was called to order at 9:22 A.M. by Mayor Barnes.

City Manager Dempsey went over the ground rules for discussion and reviewed the Community Vision and goals from the Master Plan. The Master Plan update will be included in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. Request for Proposals (RFPs) have been sent and received. City Manager Dempsey gave a brief summary of those submitted.

Mayor Barnes gave his thoughts and philosophy on the role and purpose of the City Council.

There was continued discussion.

City Manager Dempsey briefly reviewed the goals in the Master Plan and what is being done to accomplish them.

There was continued discussion.

City Manager Dempsey conducted a visual exercise to identify community stakeholders, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

City Manager Dempsey presented and the Council reviewed and discussed the Budget Priority Questionnaire for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget.

City Manager Dempsey distributed and reviewed Department Head priorities.

There was discussion.

City Manager Dempsey distributed the Community Attitude Survey completed Spring 2013. He stated the take-away from the survey is the high rate of satisfaction from the community on City services and amenities.

City Manager took goals and priorities from the Council Members for the Fiscal Year 2014-2015. There was discussion of each.

- Street Projects – Barley, Knox, Storz, and possibly Cutler Rd.

- City website/image/social media
- Empty Buildings – Assist in locating and attracting businesses – Be welcoming
- Dynamic website to incorporate all aspects of Portland – update/maintain to engage citizens
- Tech upgrade/better communication
- More information on website to make personal – ex. Staff info and bios
- WODA Group/Old School Manor property
- Work with DDA to get report
- Impact of equipment purchases/new vehicles
- DPW design – building/storage/salt storage – movement towards the need (start setting aside funds)
- Recreation opportunities/Improve fields – ex. Travel teams
- Dog Park
- Development property at Cutler Rd. and Grand River Ave.
- Master Plan
- DDA Renewal
- Mayberry Homes/Rindlehaven property
- Infrastructure on Divine Hwy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk