



# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Meeting

**Held on Monday, September 16, 2024**

In the City Council Chambers at City Hall

259 Kent St., Portland, MI 48875

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, Johnston, and Sheehan; City Manager Dymczyk; Interim City Manager Terry; City Clerk Miller; Finance Director Tolan; Police Chief Thomas; Police Officer McCrory

Absent: Mayor Barnes

Guests: Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink; Kathy Parsons; Erin Gorman; Andrea Gruber; Kathy Perez; Kathy Schrauben; Ryan Johnston; Brandi Rae Lawless; April and Anthony Vogl

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

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Johnston, to approve the agenda as revised to delete the excusal of Council Member Fitzsimmons

Yeas: Sheehan, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons

Nays: None

Absent: Barnes

Adopted

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to excuse the absence of Mayor Barnes.

Yeas: Johnston, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Fitzsimmons

Nays: None

Absent: Barnes

Adopted

There was no Public Comment.

Under Interim City Manager Report, Interim City Manager Terry introduced new City Manager Andrew Dymczyk.

Under Presentations, Jon Moxey of Fleis & VandenBrink provided an update on ongoing projects.

Under New Business, the Council considered Resolution 24-78 to approve a Wastewater Discharge Permit for THK Rhythm Automotive.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 24-78 approving, authorizing, and directing the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Wastewater Discharge Permit for THK Rhythm Automotive.

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Johnston, VanSlambrouck, Sheehan

Nays: None  
Absent: Barnes  
Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 24-79 to approve the Michigan Public Power Agency's recommendation to authorize the Member Authorized Representative to sign the Amended and Restated Belle River Project Support Contract which has been changed to reference the natural gas repurposing project, to reflect changes in MISO market operations, and to allow participants to pay for capital obligations via bond or cash equity.

Motion by Johnston, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 24-79 approving the Michigan Public Power Agency's recommendation to approve, authorize, and direct the Member Authorized Representative to sign the Amended and Restated Belle River Project Support Contract.

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

The Council considered Resolution 24-80 to approve Fleis & VandenBrink's invoice in the amount of \$29,930.42, for construction engineering services for the Kent Street Improvement Project.

Motion by Sheehan, supported by Johnston, to approve Resolution 24-80 approving Fleis & VandenBrink's invoice for construction engineering services for the Kent Street Improvement Project.

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

The Council considered Resolution 24-81 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Sheehan, to approve Resolution 24-81 to amend the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

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

Motion by Fitzsimmons, supported by Johnston, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council Meeting on September 3, 2024, payment of invoices in the amount of \$146,546.07, and payroll in the amount of \$147,402.85, for a total of \$293,948.92. Purchase orders to Box Hub in the amount of \$5,940.00 for shipping container storage for the DDA, Fleis & VandenBrink in the amount of \$6,075.00 for engineering services for the TMF Project, MECA in the amount of \$14,963.00 for safety dues, and the Portland Area Fire Authority in the amount of \$36,013.29 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter fire services were included.

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

Under Interim City Manager Comments, Interim City Manager Terry expressed his appreciation for allowing him to serve the City of Portland and further noted the wonderful staff the City his blessed with.

City Manager Dymczyk introduced himself. He thanked the staff for the warm welcome and stated he is thankful for the opportunity.

Under Council Member Comments, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck reminded residents they are invited to attend the Open House at the newly renovated Wastewater Treatment Plant on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 1:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck also reminded residents the DPW will be picking up leaves placed in rows along the curb the Fall.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck provided an update regarding the ongoing personnel issue. He stated things continue to move forward and the City is waiting to hear from the attorneys. He further stated when the issue is settled, a more in-depth statement will be made.

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

Yeas: Fitzsimmons, Sheehan, VanSlambrouck, Johnston

Nays: None

Absent: Barnes

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joel VanSlambrouck, Mayor Pro-Tem

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk