

City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

Minutes of the City Council Goal Session

Held on Monday, February 4, 2025

In the Conference Room at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Fitzsimmons, Johnston, and Sheehan

Staff: City Manager Dymczyk, City Finance Officer Tolan; City Clerk Miller

The session was called to order at 5:00 P.M.

City Manager Dymczyk outlines his view and vision of Portland as a newcomer and provided information related to meetings that he and Finance Officer Tolan had with Department Heads regarding budgets, goal setting, expectations and communication.

City Manager Dymczyk presented current year goals, projects and status and outlined both ongoing and upcoming capital projects.

There was discussion throughout.

There was other discussion around significant budget drivers, especially wages and health care.

City Manager Dymczyk noted some of his goals including the creation of Standard Operating Procedures, Emergency Planning, Succession Planning, and the Police Department specifically around staffing and future building use.

There was discussion throughout.

City Manager Dymczyk led a review of the Capital Improvement Plan Ongoing and Short Term Projects and Department Head Goals.

There was discussion throughout.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck suggested the City look into the transit connection between Lansing and Grand Rapids in that Portland be added as a stop. There is a bus that drives by Portland six times a day on this route.

City Manager Dymczyk suggested wifi be added to Will Toan Park so that a live feed of the Grand River levels could be streamed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Barnes, Mayor

Monique I. Miller, City Clerk