

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Goal Session

Held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013

In the Executive Conference Room at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Calley, Fabiano and Krause

Staff: City Manager Dempsey and City Clerk Miller

The session was called to order at 5:45 P.M. by Mayor Barnes.

City Manager Dempsey presented the compilation of results from the 2012-2013 Community Attitude Survey.

City Manager Dempsey presented the compilation of results from the City Council Budget Priority Questionnaire for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budget.

There was discussion of the information presented related to Council goals and the upcoming budget year.

Specific discussions included the updating of the Master Plan and equipment replacement needs.

The oldest ambulance of the three ambulances has been taken out of service due to safety concerns. A used ambulance has been located at a very good price. City Manager Dempsey is considering the purchase of this ambulance so there will continue to be 3 reliable ambulances in service.

The backhoe and loader at the DPW are both in need of replacement. The backhoe has over 6500 hours of use on it and the loader has over 3000 hours. Through the MiDeal program a new loader can be purchased at approximately \$105,000 instead of the list price of over \$170,000. With the trade-in value taken into consideration a new backhoe can be obtained for approximately \$81,000. The current backhoe and loader need significant investments to keep them in service. The loader needs investment of approximately \$25,000. As it has fewer hours of use it is a better investment to repair the loader and purchase a new backhoe that will not need service for several years.

The Police Department is on schedule to replace a police car this year. The style will have to be changed as the Ford Crown Victoria is no longer in production.

City Manager Dempsey stated he would like to focus on equipment replacement over the next few years.

City Manager Dempsey encouraged the Council to submit any comments to him.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck asked where the City stands in terms of revenues.

City Manager Dempsey stated he expects revenues to remain relatively flat. The recent legislation to eliminate personal property tax will be an issue next year. The DDA revenues are expected to be slightly lower.

City Manager Dempsey presented his long-term evaluation and planning for streets.

Mayor Barnes suggested a dog park should be built.

City Manager Dempsey stated the Parks & Recreation Board is looking into the possibility of a dog park.

Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck stated that selling property at Grand River Ave. and Cutler Rd. should be a goal.

City Manager Dempsey stated that working with the developer on the Old School Manor project to ensure its success should be another priority.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fabiano, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk