

# City of Portland

Portland, Michigan

## Minutes of the City Council Meeting

Held on Monday, September 16, 2013

In Council Chambers at City Hall

Present: Mayor Barnes, Mayor Pro-Tem VanSlambrouck, Council Members Calley, Fabiano and Krause; City Manager Dempsey; City Clerk Miller; Police Chief Knobelsdorf

Guests: Kevin Venton, Part-Time Portland Police Officer, Nicole Sunstrum and Patrick Fitzsimmons, Candidates for City Council; Kathy Parsons, City Representative on the Portland Area Fire Authority; Tom Thelen of the Review & Observer

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

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Fabiano, to approve the Proposed Agenda as presented.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Fabiano, Calley, Krause, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under the City Manager Report, City Manager Dempsey introduced and welcomed Kevin Venton, newly hired part-time police officer for the City of Portland.

City Manager Dempsey presented information on the action items for consideration on the Agenda.

Under New Business, was the First Reading of Ordinance 180A to grant to Consumers Energy the right, power and authority to lay, maintain and operate gas mains, pipes and services on, along, across and under the highways, streets, alleys, bridges and other public places, and to do a local gas business in the City of Portland for a period of 10 years. City Manager Dempsey was able to successfully negotiate terms with representatives of Consumers Energy to keep language in the ordinance that would require them to replace lines older than 1960 and that would require them to work towards moving lines from under City streets.

The Council considered Resolution 13-78 to authorize City Manager Dempsey to cast a ballot for the MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors Election of which the City of Portland is a member. The MML Liability and Property Pool is owned and controlled by its members.

Motion by VanSlambrouck, supported by Krause, to approve Resolution 13-78 approving, authorizing, and directing the City Manager to cast a ballot for the MML Liability and Property Pool Board of Directors election.

Yeas: VanSlambrouck, Krause, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

The Council considered Resolution 13-79 to approve an Electronics Recycling Agreement with Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. for the Annual Community Clean-Up held on the last Saturday in April each year in partnership with Portland Township and Danby Township. The City has contracted with Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. since 2011 to recycle electronics at the Community Cleanup without cost.

Motion by Krause, supported by Fabiano, to approve Resolution 13-79 approving an Electronics Recycling Agreement with Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc.

Yeas: Krause, Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Motion by Krause, supported by VanSlambrouck, to approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes and Synopsis from the Regular City Council meeting held on September 3, 2013, payment of invoices in the amount of \$152,817.28 and payroll in the amount of \$99,990.19 for a total of \$252,807.47. There were no purchase orders over \$5,000 included.

Yeas: Krause, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Fabiano, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Under Council Comment, Council Member Fabiano asked Kathy Parsons to give an update on the Portland Area Fire Authority.

Representative Parsons reported that Assistant Fire Chief Logel was recognized at the last meeting for his leadership as interim Chief from the time of retirement of former Chief Dave Brown and the hiring of the new Fire Chief John Baker. The insurance re-rating is almost completed; a good rating is expected due to the cooperation from the City Water Department. Chief Baker is in the process of completing a 5-year replacement plan for the equipment and vehicles. The Authority is in the midst of its first audit and all appears to be going well. The Authority will host an Open House on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week. A purchase of extrication and stabilization equipment was also made recently.

Mayor Barnes thanked Representative Parsons and Council Member Fabiano for their service on the Portland Area Fire Authority Board and Assistant Fire Chief Logel for his service to the Authority.

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

Yeas: Fabiano, VanSlambrouck, Calley, Krause, Barnes

Nays: None

Adopted

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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James E. Barnes, Mayor

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Monique I. Miller, City Clerk