

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
OF JANUARY 9, 2018 - BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICANTS**

Mayor Patricia Randall called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Councilmembers Chris Burns, Richard Ford, Lori Knapp, Claudette Reid, Terry Urban and Mayor Patricia Randall. Mayor Pro Tem Pearson was absent with excuse. Also present were City Manager Laurence Shaffer and City Clerk Adam Herringa.

At the invitation of Mayor Randall, current members of the Board of Review, Councilmember Knapp and Councilmember Ford reviewed the duties of the Board of Review, some of the requirements for serving on the Board of Review and emphasized the time commitment involved. Mayor Randall asked each applicant if he or she can commit to the time required and all answered in the affirmative. City Council interviewed the following applicants for Board of Review:

* From 5:15 p.m. to 5:35 p.m., City Council interviewed Patrick Buckley, Carol Eddy, Justin Gish, Keith Hearit, Leonard Lamberson, John Lobo, Roger Lonoza and Lyndsay Vainner.

At the invitation of Mayor Randall, Councilmember Urban reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Councilmember Urban also explained that City Council has an established practice of reappointing members of Boards and Commissions who wish to continue to serve unless there are attendance concerns or a member reaches 3 terms or 10 years of service. City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

* From 5:35 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., City Council interviewed John Lobo, Roger Lonoza, and Jeffrey Wettig.

At the invitation of Mayor Randall, the Chairperson of the Environmental Board, Bill Beck, reviewed the roles, responsibilities, time commitment and current activities/focus of the Environmental Board. Mr. Beck also shared that he was representing Mr. Brian Harrison, a previously interviewed applicant for the Environmental Board who, though not appointed, had been participating with the Environmental Board in an unofficial capacity. City Council then interviewed the following applicants for the Environmental Board.

* From 5:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., City Council interviewed Tara Gish, Bryan Hamilton, John Lobo and Roger Lonoza.

At the invitation of Mayor Randall, the Park Board Vice-Chairperson, Jonathon Peer, provided an overview of the Park Board. City Council then interviewed the following applicants for the Park Board.

* From 6:00 p.m. to 6:10 p.m., City Council interviewed Tara Gish, Bryan Hamilton, John Lobo and Susan Williams.

Councilmember Urban stated that there are more applicants than available positions and encouraged those applicants not appointed to stay active and involved. Members of City Council encouraged applicants, if not appointed, to attend meetings of their preferred Board/Commission as the meetings are open to the public and the City is always looking for people willing to offer their time and energy.

City Council then reviewed potential appointments to the Board of Review, Zoning Board of Appeals, Environmental Board and Park Board. City Council did not interview for Public Media Network Board of Directors at this time.

ADJOURN: Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Adam Herringa, City Clerk