

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM POSTPONED FEBRUARY 12, 2019 REGULAR
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricia Randall at 6:30 p.m. The following members were present: Councilmembers Chris Burns, Richard Ford, Lori Knapp, Claudette Reid and Terry Urban, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson and Mayor Patricia Randall. Also in attendance were City Manager Larry Shaffer, City Attorney Randy Brown and City Clerk Adam Herringa.

At the request of Mayor Randall, the audience observed a moment of silence in honor of all denominations and personal beliefs and in recognition of police, fire, emergency services and all personnel that work regardless of the weather to keep people safe and highlighted the recent extreme cold and winter weather as a perfect example.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Randall shared where the public can access the meeting agenda and asked if any Councilmember or anyone in the audience would like an item removed from the Consent Agenda. No items were removed. Motion by Pearson, seconded by Burns, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pearson, seconded by Burns, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22 and Pre-Council of February 11, 2019. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REGISTER OF FEBRUARY 12, 2019: Motion by Pearson, seconded by Burns, to approve the Accounts Payable Register of February 12, 2019. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

COMPREHENSIVE LIABILITY, PROPERTY AND AUTO FLEET INSURANCE: Motion by Pearson, seconded by Burns, to approve a one-year agreement for comprehensive liability, property and auto fleet insurance through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) at a total cost not to exceed \$497,195 for the period March 1, 2019 to March 1, 2020 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

STORM WATER MONITORING PROGRAM: Motion by Pearson, seconded by Burns, to award a three-year contract to Environmental Resources Group of Wixom, Michigan, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$130,080 for the Storm Water Monitoring Program and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this contract on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

MINUTES OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Motion by Pearson, seconded by Burns, to receive the Historic District Commission of December 5, 2018, Planning Commission of January 3, 2019, and Human Services Board of January 10, 2019. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

COMMUNICATIONS:

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS: Motion by Ford, seconded by Burns, to receive the Calendar of Meetings. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

ANNUAL UPDATE OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC): At the invitation of Mayor Randall, Youth Advisory Committee Chairperson Megan Chow, Vice-Chairperson James Asher and Secretary Jaime Sackett, provided City Council with an update on the committee's goals, objectives and activities. Mayor Randall thanked the youth for their hard work and dedication and expressed hope that they could serve as an inspiration to other youth in the audience. Motion by Reid, seconded by Knapp, to receive the Annual Goals and Objectives Update of the Youth Advisory Committee. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 7 to 0.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS: Ms. Julie Nemitz-Madelung, 5749 Baywood Avenue, introduced herself and shared that she is the Parent Marketing Committee Chairperson for the Portage North Middle School's upcoming production of Shrek, Jr., the Musical. She shared that over 75 middle school students and 15 high school students would be participating. She thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to speak regarding arts education. She shared that Portage Public Schools have been chosen to participate in the National Theater In Our Schools Month. She explained that they are honored to be among many schools sharing the importance of arts education in the schools. Five student castmembers of Shrek, Jr., spoke and shared facts and figures relating to the importance of arts education in the schools to personal success both while in school and later in life. They also emphasized the importance of arts education to healthy communities. The students and Ms. Nemitz-Madelung then presented the Mayor and City Council with a signed poster for the production of Shrek, Jr. Mayor Randall acknowledged the Portage Public Schools Superintendent, Mark Bielang, Portage Public School Board President, Randy Van Antwerp and teacher/production manager for Shrek Jr., Denine Mulay-Koch, for attending this meeting and supporting the arts in education. Ms. Nemitz-Madelung shared the performance dates and that tickets are available at www.pnmsdrama.org. Mayor Randall thanked the students for attending and wished them success in their production.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER: Councilmember Reid thanked the castmembers of Shrek, Jr., for attending the meeting and discussing their production and importance of arts education. She then relayed a personal story regarding her daughter and success she has had in life relating to the arts and education. She encouraged the students to keep arts a part of their educational story.

Councilmember Knapp thanked the Youth Advisory Committee for attending the meeting and being an important part of the Portage Community. She expressed appreciation for their commitment and for their actions to make Portage a better place.

City Manager Shaffer echoed the comments of Councilmember Knapp with regard to the Youth Advisory Committee. He shared that they have been a tremendous help in the community and highlighted their efforts in support of the annual event recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mayor Randall shared that the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration is a free event and will be held on March 8th at the Air Zoo and feature a Tuskegee Airman, Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson. Mayor Randall concluded by thanking Portage Public Schools for their continued support of the city.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting Sine Die at 6:47 p.m.

Adam Herringa, City Clerk