

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICANTS
MAY 21, 2019**

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

* From 5:15 p.m. to 5:38 p.m., and at the request of Mayor Randall, returning members explained the roles and responsibilities of the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) and the benefits of being on the Committee. Adam Herringa, City Clerk and a staff liaison to the YAC, elaborated further and discussed the impact the YAC has on the community. City Council interviewed Brooke Berner, MaKayla Bolton, Clarise Bryant, Tavishi Budagavi, Riya Chaudhary, Grace Freed, Hannah Geerlings, Britton Gustafson, Aaron Henry, Madeline Herringa, Reagan Hoff, Katherine Lindsay, Janelle Little, Una Metzger, Jacob Misejka, David Nguyen Le, Angela Postula, Anna Rachowicz, Isabella Ritchie, Dustin Ruthven Jr., Jaime Sackett, Anna Sondag, and Maxwell Zigterman. At the invitation of City Council, the applicants shared their thoughts on issues facing the community, utilization of Crossroads Mall, thoughts on technology utilized by younger people and best ways to communicate with youth.

* From 5:40 p.m. to 5:55 p.m., City Council interviewed Sarah Joshi, Betty Schimmel, Gerald Myer and Gary Roberts for the Planning Commission. Returning members Joshi and Schimmel described the work of the Planning Commission. Current Planning Commission Chairperson Wayne Stoffer arrived and provided additional information about the responsibilities of the Planning Commission. In response to an inquiry, Commissioner Joshi shared her thoughts on the proposed sign ordinance changes that would be coming before City Council.

* From 5:55 p.m. to 6:25 p.m., City Council interviewed Barney Martlew and George Theodoru for the Construction Board of Appeals. Lawrence Schmidt, Chairperson of the Construction Board of Appeals, reviewed meeting frequency and shared some of the recent issues the Construction Board of Appeals has addressed. He, along with Mr. Martlew and Mr. Theodoru, also discussed the overall work of the board.

* From 6:25 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Council interviewed Mr. Larry Lutz for the Local Officers Compensation Commission (LOCC). Mayor Randall shared the overall role of the LOCC along with length of terms and meeting frequency.

City Council then deliberated as to which applicants should be appointed to the various boards and commissions.

ADJOURN: Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Adam Herringa, City Clerk