

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICANTS
JULY 14, 2020**

Mayor Patricia Randall called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. The meeting was held virtually in accordance with the Governor's Executive Directive 2020-02 in light of COVID-19. The following members were present in Chambers: Councilmember Lori Knapp and Mayor Patricia Randall. The following members were present via the WebEx meeting platform: Councilmembers Chris Burns, Claudette Reid, Terry Urban, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson. Also in attendance were City Manager Joe La Margo, Deputy City Manager Mike Carroll, Deputy City Manager Adam Herringa, Communications Manager Mary Beth Block, and City Clerk Erica Eklov.

* Due to precautions with COVID-19, interviews for the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) were not performed.

* From 5:40 p.m. to 5:50 p.m., City Council interviewed Reed Youngs, Anthony Amarasinghe and Rick Frieman for the Planning Commission. Councilmember Knapp asked the City Clerk to review the Commission's meeting dates and times. Mayor Randall asked Mayor Pro Tem Pearson to review the purpose and obligations of the Planning Commission, as well as past projects. After doing so, Mayor Pro Tem Pearson asked each applicant if they were familiar with the Commission's recent meetings or meeting format. Councilmember Burns inquired whether the upcoming group of Planning Commissioners would be responsible for a Master Plan update. City Manager La Margo and Mayor Pro Tem Pearson confirmed they would be and elaborated on the process. Mayor Randall highlighted the proposed tree ordinance currently under review by the Planning Commission.

* Due to precautions with COVID-19 and positions only being reappointments, interviews for the Construction Board of Appeals were not performed.

City Council then deliberated as to which applicants should be appointed to the various boards and commissions. Noting his application highlighted an interest in both the Planning Commission and the Historic District Commission, Mayor Randall asked Mr. Amarasinghe if he would be willing to serve on the Historic District Commission to fill one of the two vacancies. Mr. Amarasinghe agreed.

ADJOURN: Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Erica L. Eklov, City Clerk