

**MINUTES FROM THE PRE-MEETING
OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
OF OCTOBER 19, 2020**

Mayor Patricia Randall, via the WebEx meeting platform, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Councilmembers Chris Burns, Lori Knapp, Claudette Reid, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson also joined via the WebEx meeting platform. Councilmembers Vic Ledbetter and Terry Urban were absent with excuse. Also in attendance were City Manager Joseph La Margo, Deputy City Manager Mike Carroll, Deputy City Manager Adam Herringa, and City Clerk Erica Eklov.

With regard to Item A.3, Councilmember Burns noted the 15 percent increase in the renewal quote. He questioned how and why the city chose these particular three companies to solicit. Councilmember Burns further inquired why the city did not utilize an insurance broker. City Manager La Margo stated he would research and respond.

With regard to Item D.1, Councilmember Knapp inquired whether the questions raised by Council during the item's first reading in September had been answered. She additionally asked why the city was recommending the rezoning at this time when questions regarding traffic access and wetlands remained unaddressed. Councilmember Knapp inquired whether the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) was aware and/or accepting of a wetland in the middle of a development. Councilmember Reid inquired about the applicant's timeline for development. She wondered whether City Council could table or postpone the request without negatively affecting the development project. City Manager La Margo stated he would research and respond.

ADJOURNMENT: Following a summary of the meeting, Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:12 a.m.

Erica L. Eklov, City Clerk