

**MINUTES FROM THE PRE-MEETING
OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
OF APRIL 26, 2021**

Mayor Patricia Randall called the virtual meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Councilmembers Chris Burns, Lori Knapp, Vic Ledbetter, Claudette Reid, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson also joined virtually. In compliance with Michigan Public Act 228, the Mayor and Councilmembers disclosed their virtual participation from Portage, Michigan, with the exception of Councilmember Ledbetter who attended from Kalamazoo, Michigan. Councilmember Terry Urban was absent with excuse. Also in attendance were Deputy City Manager Mike Carroll, Deputy City Manager Adam Herringa, City Manager La Margo, and City Clerk Erica Eklov.

Mayor Randall began by highlighting the Proclamations, noting Councilmember Reid would read the Global Love Day acknowledgment.

With regard to Item A.2, Accounts Payable Register, Mayor Pro Tem Pearson inquired about Check #316364 to Timber Ridge Ski Area for ski lessons in the amount of \$3,000. He stated he did not recall seeing such a payment previously and asked about the background. City Manager La Margo responded that the Parks Department partners with Timber Ridge for ski lessons and believe there was reimbursement from certain fees. Mr. La Margo stated he would research further and respond. Mayor Pro Tem Pearson then inquired about Check #14809A for a Faro Hand Scanner and associated police accessories, asking about the nature of the equipment. Deputy City Manager Herringa explained that the Public Safety Department had purchased a Faro 360-degree laser crime scene scanner several years ago and this purchase related to elements for that equipment.

With regard to Item E.1, Mayor Randall noted the City Manager would be introducing the Resolution during the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson requested clarification regarding the rules for members of City Council adding new business to an agenda. Deputy City Manager Herringa responded, noting the City Council Rules of Order and Procedure outlines the process and is approved by City Council after each City General Election. He noted that City Council could also modify the Rules of Order and Procedure in the interim if desired. Mr. Herringa asked Clerk Eklov to re-send the document to all of Council for reference.

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson then requested the City Manager to review the use of Pictometry by the City Assessor's Office, noting prior history by City Council voting against the use of the technology due to privacy concerns. He stated the City Manager referenced the technology in his bi-weekly update to City Council. City Manager La Margo stated he would further research and respond.

ADJOURNMENT: Following a summary of the meeting and a reminder of the Committee of the Whole meeting prior to the Regular Meeting, Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:11 a.m.

Erica L. Eklov, City Clerk