

**MINUTES FROM THE PRE-MEETING
OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
OF MAY 10, 2021**

Mayor Patricia Randall called the virtual meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Councilmembers Lori Knapp, Claudette Reid (signed on at 8:07 a.m.) 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. Councilmembers Chris Burns, Vic Ledbetter, and Terry Urban were 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, requesting Mayor Pro Tem Pearson read National Scleroderma Month 2021 and Councilmember Knapp read the National EMS Week 2021 acknowledgment. City Clerk Eklov noted that a third proclamation would be added for National Mental Health Awareness Month before the agenda was finalized on Tuesday. Mayor Randall stated Councilmember Reid would be asked to read it.

With regard to Item A.3, Adoption of Bond Resolution, Mayor Randall inquired whether the requested bond amount could be decreased in the event the city received a donation for the new Community Senior Center from an entity such as Pfizer or Stryker. City Manager La Margo stated the requested amount would remain the same but the City Administration would be able to pay back the bond more quickly, thus reducing the debt sooner. Deputy City Manager Herringa confirmed.

With regard to Item A.5, Preliminary Plat of The Oaks (Phase 2), Councilmember Knapp inquired about the developer's request for approval of Phase 2 before completion of Phase 1 of the plat. City Manager La Margo stated he would further research and respond. Ms. Knapp also asked whether the neighboring residents' concerns regarding flooding from the development to the west had been addressed. City Manager La Margo stated he include the inquiry with his research on the first questions and respond.

With regard to Item A.6, Genesis PharmOptima Tax Abatement, Mayor Pro Tem Pearson inquired whether PharmOptima had paid the previously owed back taxes prior to its purchase by Genesis. City Manager La Margo stated he would further research and respond.

Mayor Randall reviewed the meeting plans for Tuesday in light of the Budget Review Session #2 to be followed by the Regular Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Following a summary of the meeting, Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:15 a.m.

Erica L. Eklov, City Clerk