

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PRE-MEETING
OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
OF MAY 23, 2016**

Mayor Peter Strazdas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following were present: Councilmember Jim Pearson, Mayor Pro Tem Nasim Ansari and Mayor Peter Strazdas. Councilmember Patricia M. Randall was present via the cell phone of Councilmember Pearson. Those not present were: Councilmembers Richard Ford, Claudette Reid and Terry Urban. Also in attendance were City Manager Larry Shaffer, Deputy City Manager Rob Boulis and City Clerk James Hudson.

Mayor Strazdas asked if there were any questions for the Administration regarding items on the Agenda.

1. Councilmember Pearson asked about the Salary and Wage Resolution attached to Item F.1, where it speaks of 2% for non-union employees and lists the PPOA, the PPCOA, IAFF and UAW that in July when all of the negotiations are complete, that City Council receive an update on the increases. Mr. Boulis noted that the IAFF and UAW are not in negotiations; the UAW contract is valid through 2018 and the IAFF is valid through 2020; so, the police contract is all that is still to be done and the goal is to complete those by the end of June at which point City Council will hopefully approve the contract.
2. Councilmember Pearson asked whether the City is using On Staff USA, and about Item L.2, Temporary/Seasonal Employment Services Contract – Bid Tabulation, and Mr. Boulis pointed out that the City is currently using On Staff USA, but went out for a Request for Proposals to around fourteen vendors and received two packages back. Mr. Boulis indicated that there were no problems with On Staff USA; that the contract with them was in place three to four years; and that the change was based solely on AccessPoint being the low bidder. He indicated that there were a few other incremental costs, and gave the example that currently the City performs the drug screening, whereas AccessPoint will pay for the drug screening under the new contract. He also confirmed that there is nothing to prevent On Staff USA from bidding next time.
3. Mayor Strazdas indicated that he would be adding an item under New Business since Dave Felicijan, Vice Chairman of the Planning Commission, resigned. He mentioned this in conjunction with the fact that Planning Commission Chair Paul Welch was term-limited out, that there are no applicants for the Planning Commission at this time, and that Council filled his upcoming vacancy at the May 10, 2016 Regular City Council Meeting. He indicated that Mr. Welch was amenable to serving one more year, so he would be asking Mr. Shaffer to provide a communication to City Council asking to approve the appointment of Paul Welch to one year of the unfulfilled term vacated by Dave Felicijan ending May 31, 2018. Councilmember Pearson offered his support for Paul Welch as a Planning Commissioner and Mayor Strazdas concurred. Mayor Strazdas indicated that Ms. Georgeau said that there is a need for the ninth person since

they are busy, and she has the meeting minutes that reflect that Mr. Felicijan is resigning. City Clerk James Hudson assured Councilmember Pearson that the City would advertise for applicants to fill the vacancy (by next May 31, 2017). Mayor Strazdas indicated that Mr. Felicijan is not upset; instead, he is extremely busy with his new position as President of ACCU-MOLD LLC, and cannot put the necessary time into the Advisory Board position.

ADJOURN: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

James Hudson, City Clerk