

**PRE-COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

Mayor Patricia Randall called the meeting to order at 08:00 AM. The regular meeting was held in a partially virtual format as permitted by PA 228, in accordance with December 2020 Kalamazoo County Emergency Declaration. Mayor Patricia M. Randall, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson, and Councilmembers Vic Ledbetter and Claudette Reid were present. All members joined from Portage, Michigan, except for Councilmember Ledbetter from Texas Township. Councilmembers Chris Burns, Lori Knapp, and Terry Urban were absent with excuse. Also in attendance were Acting City Manager Adam Herringa, Deputy City Manager Mike Carroll, and City Clerk Erica Eklov. Citizen Lisa Brayton also attended. Mayor Randall noted Councilmember Burns had indicated he was now teaching a college class Monday mornings and would not be present at Pre-Council Meetings until mid-November.

With regard to the Proclamation, Mayor Randall inquired as to who would be reading the document. Acting City Manager Herringa responded that an outside representative would not be present but noted Councilmember Burns had offered to read the next proclamation at a prior meeting.

With regard to Item A.4, Purchase of City Vehicles, Councilmember Reid inquired whether any of the proposed cars would be electric or hybrid in light of the city's move towards energy efficiency. Acting City Manager Herringa responded that the four proposed sport utility vehicles were intended for Police Division use and the technology of electric or hybrid vehicles was not at the performance level for police use yet. He did note that the hybrid models were now part of the City Hall vehicle fleet and highlighted the recent installation of an electric car charging station at City Hall. Mayor Randall noted the front curb location of the charging station and inquired whether future city electric vehicles would utilize those parking spots. Mr. Herringa responded that the current installation location was for citizens only and was designed in the current location for efficient connection to the City Hall power supply. He stated future staff electric vehicles would have their own charging stations installed in the city vehicle parking locations.

With regard to Item A.5, Portage Road/Forest Drive Traffic Signal Project, Councilmember Reid inquired about the scope of the engineering for the planned location noting the cost of the project. Acting City Manager Herringa stated he would research and respond.

With regard to Item D.1, Stryker Corporation Tax Abatement Public Hearing, Councilmember Reid noted the location's original abatement included a manufacturing component to permit the PA 198 abatement, but the current expansion does not seem to include manufacturing. She asked how Stryker's current request was allowed under the limitations of the PA 198 process. Acting City Manager Herringa stated he would research and respond. Mayor Randall inquired whether a representative of Stryker would be present at the Regular Meeting. City Clerk Eklov confirmed.

Mayor Randall closed by noting several new officers of the Salvation Army would be in attendance at the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Reid then inquired about changing the Pre-Council Meeting time to accommodate Councilmember Burns. Mayor Randall stated she would review the possibility with Acting City Manager Herringa.

**PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Following a summary of the meeting, Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 8:10 AM.

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Erica L. Eklov, City Clerk