

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 26, 2022

Mayor Patricia Randall called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Portage City Hall.

ROLL CALL: Councilmembers Lisa Brayton, Chris Burns, Terry Urban, and Mayor Patricia Randall were present.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Lori Knapp, Victor Ledbetter, and Mayor Pro Tem Jim Pearson.

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Pat McGinnis, Deputy City Manager Adam Herringa, Deputy City Manager Michael Carroll, City Attorney Catherine Kaufman, and City Clerk Erica Eklov.

At the request of Mayor Randall, the audience observed a moment of silence to reflect on efforts to make a more equitable and inclusive community to allow all to feel safe and valued. Following the moment of silence, the City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Randall shared where the public can access the meeting agenda and asked if any Councilmember or anyone in the audience would like an item removed from the Consent Agenda. Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2022. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Accounts Payable Register: Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to approve the Accounts Payable Register of July 26, 2022 as presented. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Greenspire Phase VII (Tall Timbers) Residential Planned Development at 3413 W Centre Avenue: Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to receive the City of Portage Brownfield Redevelopment Plan with Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Amendment No. 10, Tall Timbers, 3413 W. Centre Avenue as an exception to the current City of Portage Brownfield Redevelopment Incentive Policy, and set a Public Hearing for August 9, 2022. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

IPUSA Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Amendment (801 East Milham): Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to receive the City of Portage Brownfield Redevelopment Plan, with Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Amendment No. 11, IPUSA, 801 E. Milham, as an exception to the current City of Portage Brownfield Redevelopment Incentive Policy, and set a public hearing for August 9, 2022. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Fire Apparatus Maintenance and Police/Fire Vehicle Retrofitting Contract: Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to approve a one-year contract with Emergency Vehicle Products of Kalamazoo, Michigan, for Fire Division apparatus maintenance and police/fire vehicle retrofitting as-needed, with the option for three one-year renewals, and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Sole Source Purchase of 800 MHz Dual-Band Radios: Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to approve the sole source purchase of 800 MHz dual-band radios from Motorola Solutions/Roe-Comm in the amount of \$445,248.07, and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to this matter on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Ice Control Salt Purchase: Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to award contracts in the amount of \$107,967 (\$63.51 per ton for 1,700 tons) for early delivery of ice control salt from Detroit Salt; in the amount of \$66,480 (\$66.48 per ton for 1,000 tons) for seasonal backup ice control salt on an as-needed basis from Detroit Salt, and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to these contracts on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Cooley Drive Reconstruction Project - Tabulation of Proposals: Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to award a contract to perform engineering services for the Cooley Drive Reconstruction Project to Prein & Newhof, Kalamazoo, Michigan in the amount not to exceed \$136,600 and authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to the contract on behalf of the city. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Minutes of Boards & Commissions: Motion by Chris Burns, seconded by Lisa Brayton, to receive the Minutes of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority of May 4, 2022, and the Historic District Commission of May 4, 2022. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Calendar of Meetings: Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to receive the Calendar of Meetings as presented. Upon roll call vote, motion passed 4 to 0.

PETITIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS:

Alan Loveridge (23965 88th Avenue, Marcellus) read a prepared statement regarding towing and alternative options.

Beckett Jones (4725 Tiffany) provided a reminder regarding his campaign for 8th District Judge for Kalamazoo County for the upcoming August 2nd election and echoed Councilmember Burns' earlier statements from the July 12, 2022 City Council meeting regarding the judicial positions.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Rezoning Application #21/22-2 and Tentative Plan for Woodway Condominiums at 7425 Oakland Drive: Mayor Randall opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. and requested a project summary from City Manager McGinnis. Following his summary, the Mayor invited those in attendance to comment.

Angelique (no last name provided, 7470 Oakland Drive) spoke regarding a petition of neighboring signatures she had gathered in opposition to the proposed development. She noted collective concerns regarding an increase in traffic and congestion, as well as general safety concerns. She provided the petition to the City Clerk. Mayor Randall requested City Manager McGinnis to work with the City Clerk to verify the petition signatures.

Barbara Segura (7330 Oakland Drive) noted her position as a Portage Human Services Board member and expressed appreciation for the proposed housing development; however, she relayed concerns about the proposed location of the development. Ms. Segura also stated her concerns about the potential increase in area traffic, as well as driveway access for current Oakland Drive residents.

Sam McGuire (7470 Oakland Drive) also spoke in opposition to the development, citing concerns about Oakland Drive traffic, especially for area families utilizing the sidewalks. He encouraged keeping the subject area on Oakland Drive and adjacent Schuring Road zoned as single-family residential.

Steven Walsh (7422 Starbrook Street) submitted a comment via a city voicemail message to express opposition to the proposed rezoning. He highlighted that the proposed development parcel abuts his rear property line and backyard. Mr. Walsh expressed concern about the potential loss of the current tree line and vegetation visible from his residence, as well as a resulting loss of property value.

Motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to postpone the remainder of the public hearing regarding Rezoning Application #21/22-2 from R-1B to Planned Development and Tentative Plan for

Woodway Condominiums at 7425 Oakland Drive to the Regular City Council Meeting of August 9, 2022. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0.

Mayor Randall conveyed that the approved motion would continue the public hearing to the next meeting of the City Council on August 9 and the City Clerk would be reviewing the petition signatures in the interim and providing the results with the August 9th meeting agenda information.

Brownfield Redevelopment Plan for Kotobuki Seating at 5200 S. Sprinkle Road: Mayor Randall opened the public hearing at 7:22 p.m. and City Manager McGinnis summarized the project. Seeing no comments, motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to close the public hearing. Upon voice vote, motion carried 4 to 0. As there was no further discussion, motion by Burns, seconded by Brayton, to approve the City of Portage Brownfield Redevelopment Plan, with Brownfield Redevelopment Plan Amendment No. 9, Kotobuki Seating, 5200 S. Sprinkle Road. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4 to 0. Following the vote, Kotobuki Seating President Hal Thomas thanked the City and City Council for their assistance in the development of this project and for approving the brownfield proposal.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

STATEMENTS OF CITIZENS: None.

STATEMENTS OF CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER: Councilmember Urban had no comment.

Councilmember Brayton relayed a reminder regarding the July 28, 2022 Open House at the new Fire Station #2 including the new City Manager.

Councilmember Burns provided a reminder about the upcoming August 2 Primary Election and thanked both the election workers and the City Clerk's Office for their coordination efforts.

City Manager McGinnis announced that the Office of Public Information was recently awarded three Communicator Awards from the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts. He noted the first two were awards of excellence for the *A Place to be More!* police officer recruitment video, as well as the *Hate Has No Home Here* video. Staff members Mary Ruple, Bobby Boyd, Officer Deleeuw, and Mary Beth Block were present to accept the awards on behalf of the city.

Mayor Randall also acknowledged the upcoming August Election, noting Beckett Jones' earlier comments regarding the judicial races. She issued a reminder regarding verification of voters' polling locations, voter registration options, as well as absentee voting options. Mayor Randall closed by noting the Office of the City Clerk would be open the Saturday before the election and then encouraged everyone to vote.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Randall adjourned the meeting at 07:38 PM.

Erica L. Eklov, City Clerk