

**MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL PRE-MEETING
OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
OF AUGUST 22, 2016**

Mayor Strazdas called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The following were present: Councilmembers Jim Pearson, Patricia Randall and Claudette Reid via the conference phone line and Mayor Peter Strazdas. Those not present were: Councilmembers Richard Ford, Terry Urban and Mayor Pro Tem Ansari. Also in attendance were City Manager Larry Shaffer and Deputy City Clerk Adam Herringa.

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

With regard to Item D.1, Pfizer Tax Abatement, Councilmember Reid inquired as to the rationale for recommending a deviation from the City Council policy on tax abatements. City Manager Shaffer explained the need to indicate to Pfizer the full support and partnership of the City, reviewed the size of the planned investment and pointed out the amount of investment Pfizer has made over the years without asking for any type of abatement. Councilmember Reid indicated that she appreciates and understands the rationale and pointed out that City Council has a tax abatement policy that is often not adhered to. She expressed a desire for a review of the Tax Abatement Policy. Mayor Strazdas also expressed support for looking at the policy and asked City Administration to provide a copy of the policy to City Council.

With regard to Item G.1, Communication from Environmental Board regarding the deer population, Councilmember Pearson stated that he would like to receive additional information about what has and hasn't worked in other communities. He then expressed support for the action recommended by City Administration.

ADJOURN: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Adam Herringa, Deputy City Clerk