

**NOTES FROM THE SPECIAL PRE-MEETING
OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
OF APRIL 10, 2017**

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Mayor Strazdas called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Strazdas called the roll. Councilmember Jim Pearson was present via the conference phone line, and Councilmember Claudette Reid was able to call in at 8:02 after a few tries and also be present via the conference phone line. Councilmembers Richard Ford, Patricia M. Randall and Terry Urban and Mayor Pro Tem Nasim Ansari were absent with notice and excuse. Also in attendance were Deputy City Manager Rob Boulis and City Clerk James Hudson.

Mayor Strazdas asked if there were any questions or concerns with the Agenda for April 11, 2017. Under Item G.1, Annual Update of the Human Services Board, Councilmember Pearson asked whether the Human Services Board (HSB) addressed how new non-profit organizations in Portage that serve a high percentage of Portage citizens can obtain funding. He also mentioned that Council suggested asking the HSB to go over the questionnaire at a Committee of the Whole Meeting last summer. He recalled that he concurred with Councilmember Urban and his suggestion that, for this year only, if there is any change in the score due to the scoring with the old rules versus the new rules, to check to see if there was an improvement for a chance of funding for new non-profit organizations in Portage that serve a high percentage of Portage citizens. He asked that the HSB or staff report back to City Council if that occurred, or if there is a difference in the scoring on this.

Councilmember Reid called in at 8:02 a.m., and Councilmember Pearson reiterated his concern with Item G.1 for her at the request of Mayor Strazdas. She concurred with his concern. Councilmember Reid addressed Item F.5, Comcast Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement – Attachment 2, that proposes to bring the fee amount for Comcast to the same level as Charter Communications which is going from \$0.35 to \$0.40 per month per subscriber. She asked whether Comcast is also paying the Video Service Provider fee of 5%. Mr. Hudson answered in the Affirmative as it is part of the Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement.

Councilmember Reid reviewed L.1, Leaf Compost Site Management and Processing – Bid Tabulation, asked if the amount reflected is an increase and, if so, how much. Deputy City Manager Rob Boulis indicated that it is a small increase from what he was told, and that he would get the specifics for Council. He confirmed for Mayor Strazdas that this was a re-bid, and Councilmember Reid noted that there was only one bidder, however. Mayor Strazdas asked for any other questions, but there were none.

Councilmember Pearson asked whether there are materials posted anywhere for the Committee of the Whole (COW) Meeting at 6:00 p.m. tonight, and Mr. Boulis indicated if there is, he would get an e-mail out, but he was not aware of any. According to Mr. Hudson, the information was not ready on Friday, so it must not be ready yet.

ADJOURN: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

James Hudson, City Clerk