

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PORTAGE CITY COUNCIL
AND BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPLICANTS
MAY 9, 2017**

Mayor Peter Strazdas called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present at this meeting: Councilmembers Jim Pearson, Patricia Randall, Mayor Pro Tem Nasim Ansari and Mayor Peter Strazdas. Councilmember Claudette Reid arrived at 5:16 p.m., Councilmember Richard Ford arrived at 5:25 p.m., and Councilmember Terry Urban arrived at 5:35 p.m. Also present were City Manager Laurence Shaffer, City Clerk James Hudson and Deputy City Clerk Adam Herringa. Council, staff and the Youth Advisory Committee applicants introduced themselves.

* From 5:15 p.m. to 5:50 p.m., and at the request of Mayor Strazdas, Deputy City Clerk Adam Herringa explained what the Youth Advisory Committee does and the benefits of being on the Committee. Discussion followed. City Council interviewed Colin Carroll, Riya Chaudhary, Thomas Chen, Vishnu Ghantasala, Owen Gwyn, Sydney Kruggel, Emily Zantjer Lin, Samuel Mayer, Rushik Patel, Brandon Pittman, Sadiya Sajjad and Omar Thaj for the Youth Advisory Committee. Discussion followed.

* From 5:50 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., City Council interviewed Veronica Demaio, Scott Chu, Margaret Harrell-Page and Brenda Carlton for the Zoning Board of Appeals with an overlap between 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., devoted to City Council interviews of Bill Patterson, Veronica Demaio, Scott Chu, Margaret Harrell-Page and Brenda Carlton for the Planning Commission. Discussion followed.

* From 6:20 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., City Council interviewed Sheldon Smith for the Construction Board of Appeals, and Construction Board of Appeals Chair Larry Schmidt was present for questions. Discussion followed.

* From 6:31 p.m. to 6:48 p.m., City Council interviewed Stacey Rocklin and Bill Strong for the Environmental Board. Environmental Board Chair Bill Beck provided an overview of the responsibilities of the Board and was present for questions. Discussion followed.

* From 6:49 p.m. to 6:55 p.m., City Council interviewed Stephanie Upshaw for the Park Board. Park Board Chair Tim Earl, Vice Chair Jonathan Peer and Parks Department Director Kathleen Hoyle were present for questions and discussion followed.

* From 6:55 p.m. to 7:10 p.m., City Council interviewed Stephanie Upshaw for the Human Services Board. City Clerk Jim Hudson indicated that Linda Finch was very interested in the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Environmental Board, the Park Board and the Human Services Board, but could not be present because she is traveling for work all week. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN: Mayor Strazdas adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

James R. Hudson, City Clerk