

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARCHMENT CITY COMMISSION HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2022.

1. Call to order

Mayor Britigan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Britigan, Vice Mayor Jordan, Commissioners Conner, Cooper, Evans, Fooy, and Madaras. City Manager Stoddard, Attorney Soltis, Treasurer/Clerk Stutz.

Absent: None.

3. Minutes

Moved by Vice Mayor Jordan, supported by Commissioner Cooper to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2022 Regular meeting. **Motion Carried.**

4. Additions or changes to the agenda.

Add item 9 D. ZBA Appointment. Moved by Commissioner Cooper supported by Commissioner Conner to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried.**

5. Citizen Comments – Items ON the Agenda

None.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Questions by Commissioners were answered regarding specific items. Moved by Commissioner Madaras, supported by Vice Mayor Jordan to receive the consent agenda items. **Motion Carried.**

7. Unfinished Business

None.

8. New Business

A. PHS Student Council Request for Fireworks at Homecoming - action. Jodi McManus, PHS Student Council Advisor, requested permission for a 3-5 minute firework show at halftime of homecoming on Friday, September 30. She noted the company is approved by the State of Michigan and have done this show many times over the last 15 years. She reported that KTwp Police and Fire have both been notified and are “on board”. Moved by Commissioner Madaras, supported by Commissioner Fooy to approve the fireworks show as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Britigan, Conner, Cooper, Evans, Fooy, Jordan, and Madaras.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried 7-0.

B. Public Safety Services Site Review Plan (fire) Agreement – action. City Manager Stoddard explained that she had checked with various area municipalities to see who they use as “certified inspector”, and the City of Kalamazoo fit the bill. Any charges incurred is a pass-through to the developer, and she noted that the costs reported are not unusual. The contract is for three years after the effective date. Commissioner Conner expressed that he felt getting charged for overhead was a money grab; City Treasurer Stutz explained that basic accounting requires that shared costs be split to different departments. Moved by Commissioner Cooper, supported by Commissioner Evans to approve the Public Safety Services Site Review Plan as presented effective immediately, authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to this action. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Britigan, Conner, Cooper, Evans, Fooy, Jordan, and Madaras.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried 7-0.

C. ReLeaf Michigan Contract - action. Mayor Britigan explained the opportunity to consider, saying it’s a shared cost arrangement to bring 20 trees to the city. City Manager Stoddard added more details about the tree planting, including a 3 year commitment on our part to care for the trees. She noted it will cost the city upward of \$4000, that hasn’t been budgeted for at this point. MaryAnn Renz, Citizens Climate Lobby, said she thinks it’s an economical investment. Moved by Commissioner Cooper to approve the expenditure. Motion died for lack of support. Moved by Commissioner Fooy moved to

table the action until October 17, when more information could be obtained; supported by Commissioner Cooper. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: Cooper, Evans, Fooy, and Madaras.

Nays: Britigan, Conner, Jordan.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion Carried 4-3.

D. ZBA Appointment – action. Mayor Britigan reported that ZBA member Kirk Strehlow submitted his resignation (due to moving out of the city) and recommended John Madaras be appointed in his stead. Moved by Commissioner Fooy, supported by Commissioner Cooper to accept Mr. Strehlow’s resignation and appoint John Madaras to the ZBA. Commissioner Madaras abstained. **Motion Carried.**

9. Citizen Comments

Samuel Hunter, 415 N Riverview, noted that he and others were volunteering their time after school to ensure children’s safety. He asked the commission’s support since they’re “part of the community”.

10. Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Cooper said she was glad the commission decided to table the ReLeaf program, but noted this body needs to have a long term plan for the park. She added that they need to take action for the future.

Commissioner Conner talked about issues from Facebook posts regarding homeless people.

Commissioner Madaras hopes to be able to access ReLeaf Michigan funds next year when we could budget for it, adding she would support it then.

At City Manager Stoddard’s request, Officer Darrien Smith addressed the Commission. He started by saying there is a group of unhoused people all over the county, many of whom don’t want the resources offered to them. He said KTPD is taking a humane approach to the issue by keeping tabs on where they are camping, offering resources, and asking them to move along. He emphasized that being unhoused is not a crime, but if someone is on your property without your consent to call dispatch.

11. City Manager Comments/Reports

City Manager Stoddard invited anyone who has questions or concerns to call and discuss them with her.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, it was moved by Commissioner Cooper and supported by all to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Shannon Stutz, City Clerk