



## CITY COUNCIL

March 2, 2015

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, March 2, 2015. This meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.; then, after a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, a roll call then determined that the following were

Present: William Fraser, Mayor  
Kate Marshall, City Councilmember  
John Murphy, City Councilmember  
Grant Dittmar, City Councilmember  
Jeremy Wills, City Councilmember

Absent: None

Also in attendance were Acting City Manager Alan Terry, Administrative Assistant Sarah Bek, Downtown Director Becky Goodman, Director of Public Safety John Calabrese and Director of Parks and Recreation Alan Hansen.

Department of Public Safety  
Honor's Board Presentation

The Department of Public Safety Honor's Board had recently authorized awards to Officers and citizens for meritorious service. Department of Public Safety Director John Calabrese presented awards to Public Safety Officers and citizens for their commendable service throughout the community including lifesaving awards to Officer Ben Carlson, Officer Randy Davis, Paramedic Perry Fortier, Michelle Hitner of Allied EMS and Cynthia Kloss; department commendation awards to Officer Dave Schultz and Detective Todd Troxel; and citizen awards to Steve Cross, Brooke Quick and Cynthia Kloss.

Resolution No. 18855  
Approve Consent Agenda Items

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of March 2, 2015, City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Dittmar adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the February 16, 2015 regular-session City Council meeting be and are hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that receipt by the City Council of a report concerning all checks that had been issued since February 16 for contract and vendor claims at \$1,508,881.91, intergovernmental claims at \$30,749.87, and the February 26 payroll at \$176,757.94, for a total of \$1,716,389.72 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Wills, Fraser (5)  
NAYS: None (0)

Hear Public Comment

Mayor Fraser asked for public comments and there were no comments.

Hear City Manager Updates

The Acting City Manager reviewed that Chrysler was filming a car commercial today in Petoskey at Bayfront Drive, Bay View and Bay Harbor. The Acting City Manager also reported that there has been numerous water service freeze ups and that customers need to run water until further notice and that notices have been published on television, radio, newspaper, utility bills and websites; that the public art plan was reviewed by the DMB at their February 16 meeting and will further discuss at their regular March 17 meeting; and that it was suggested to have the public art plan on the joint DMB and City Council meeting agenda with dates to be determined.

Resolution No. 18856 – Approve Ernest Hemingway Statue Donation

The Acting City Manager reviewed that George Colburn was present to give a brief presentation on behalf of Robert Dau and the proposed Hemingway statue to be donated to the City by Mr. Dau.

Mr. Colburn gave a brief presentation on behalf of Mr. Dau and reported that Mr. Dau is anxious for Council approval so he may give the go ahead to the artist, and that the statue would be a rendering by the artist from a photograph; that proposed statue would be similar in quality to Chief Petoskey statue and would bring more attention to Petoskey; and that Mr. Dau would like to incorporate annual events by bringing young writers to the area for an annual summer symposium honoring Ernest Hemingway.

The Acting City Manager further reviewed that the statue would be of Ernest Hemingway depicting him in his younger years while in Petoskey. The vision is of a life size statue, situated at ground level allowing visitors to have their picture taken with him. This is contrary to the original discussions that placed the statue on a pedestal located within a plaza. City Council was first presented with the idea during the City Manager's comments at the May 15, 2014 City Council meeting. The item was officially discussed by Council at the June 2, 2014 meeting, which included a discussion on placement of the statue.

As part of the 2015 budget and CIP, the greenway corridor will be extended through Pennsylvania Park from Bay Street to Lake Street. The project includes an entrance near the middle of the Elk's Parking Lot into the park. The entrance will not only provide better access into the downtown for those parking in the lot, but satisfy ADA van parking requirements and will be used by tour buses as a drop off site. Currently, buses tend to stop along Lake Street and off load visitors creating traffic congestion. The sidewalk intersection of the corridor and the parking lot is seen as a possible location for the statue. This area of the park would provide viewing for those using the corridor and those accessing the parking lot.

The process to commission and construct a statue would take over a year to perform. Funds for this project would be placed with the Petoskey Harbor Springs Community Foundation to perform the work. The statue would become City owned property, with the City being responsible for any maintenance, which for a bronze statue would be infrequent and very minimal.

City Councilmembers discussed potential locations including the greenway corridor, Arlington Park area and upper Mitchell Street area near the Carnegie Library; the single parking spot that would be lost for the parking lot entrance; how the statue would be depicted; that the donation was not dependent on a specific location; and heard from those both in favor of and against placing the statue in Pennsylvania Park near the green way corridor and parking lot entrance.

Mayor Fraser asked for public comments and heard that Mr. Dau's hope was to draw commercial viability to downtown; that the greenway corridor or Arlington Park could be good places for a statue; that visitors of the Perry Hotel would love to see statue from the porch; and that the donation is great for the City.

City Councilmember Wills then moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Murphy to accept the gift of an Ernest Hemingway statue from Robert Dau with the City responsible for determining a suitable location.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Wills, Fraser (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Mr. Colburn inquired how long the process would be for City staff to recommend a location and the Acting City Manager indicated that a location recommendation could be discussed at the next regular Council meeting, March 16.

Hear Proclamation

Mayor Fraser reviewed that he received documentation and a request from the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan to declare April, 2015 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Mayor Fraser reviewed that the proclamation would recognize April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Petoskey" and emphasize the City's commitment to the important issue. Mayor Fraser then proclaimed the following:

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victims/survivors and their significant others and increase support for agencies providing services to victims/survivors; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence before it can start and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to sexual assault survivors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petoskey strongly supports the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every citizen, to actively engage in public and private efforts to prevent sexual violence. It's time for all of us to start conversations, take appropriate action and support one another to create a safer environment for all.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, William Fraser, Mayor of the City of Petoskey, support efforts to eliminate sexual assault and hereby declare April, 2015 to be in our city

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

Hear Council Comments

Mayor Fraser asked for Council comments and heard from City Councilmember Marshall if the review of parks plan was in process yet; and Mayor Fraser commented that it was nice to see Chrysler shooting commercials in town and that it is great exposure for Petoskey.

Resolution No. 18857  
Recess to Closed Session

The Acting City Manager reviewed the proposed resolution that would authorize recess to a closed session under Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, for discussion connected with the negotiation of a collective

bargaining agreement.

City Councilmember Wills then moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Marshall, adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Acting City Manager has requested that the City Council recess to a closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act for discussion connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement, following the conclusion of routine business at the City Council's regular meeting of March 2, 2015:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby authorizes to recess to closed session.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Wills, Fraser (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Adjourned to closed session at 7:51 P.M. and reconvened in open session at 8:16 P.M.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this March 2, 2015, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

W.J. Fraser, Mayor

Alan Terry, City Clerk-Treasurer