



CITY COUNCIL

May 16, 2016

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, May 16, 2016. 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

Absent: Jeremy Wills, City Councilmember

Also in attendance were City Manager Robert Straebel, Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, City Planner Amy Tweeten and Downtown Director Becky Goodman.

Resolution No. 18966
Approve Consent Agenda Items

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of May 16, 2016, City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Murphy adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the May 2, 2016 regular-session City Council meeting be and are hereby approved; and

BE IT RESOLVED that receipt by the City Council of a report concerning all checks that had been issued since May 2 for contract and vendor claims at \$800,267.95, intergovernmental claims at \$0, and the May 5 payroll at \$180,357.49, for a total of \$980,625.44 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Fraser (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Hear Public Comment

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

Hear City Manager Updates

The City Manager reported that the elevator project was completed for a total cost of \$32,238; that Detective Todd Troxel was promoted to Public Safety Lieutenant; that

Stone Consulting was selected as the trolley consultant to review trolley feasibility; that the new stone wall and sidewalk construction should be completed in Pennsylvania Park by Memorial weekend; reviewed marina improvements; that resurfacing Clarion Avenue is anticipated to be completed by early next week; and discussed signage in entryway from Elks Parking Lot into Pennsylvania Park.

The City Manager reviewed that one of the key

Discuss Economic Development
Incentives

components of the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program is identifying economic development incentives that elected officials may support in certain geographical areas of the City. City staff prepared a descriptive list of State economic development programs for development/redevelopment purposes; included a rating sheet to gauge overall what programs City Council may support in a future economic development strategy; and reviewed a matrix of incentives to determine what incentives were more favorable than others. The City Manager also reviewed that the Planning Commission has been discussing the top three redevelopment sites within the community and staff anticipates their recommendations will be considered by City Council in June; that both the economic development incentives and identification of the three redevelopment sites will be incorporated into a community-wide economic development strategy; and that the programs are divided into three categories Tax Abatements/Tax Exemptions, Tax Increment Financing Programs/Assessments and Grant/Loan Programs.

City Councilmembers inquired how previous abatements worked and what the City is willing to do by locations for incentives vs. overall philosophy on incentives as a method of encouraging and partially financing development.

City Councilmembers discussed possibly scheduling a presentation by Dan Leonard, MEDC, on economic incentives and other potential development programs.

Discuss Public Art Plan

The Downtown Director gave a brief presentation and reviewed the process taken in developing the Art Plan; that post offices were one of first public art opportunities in the downtown; that public art is placemaking and creates jobs and economic development; reviewed the art commission that would be appointed; and reviewed the approval process and that it would first be reviewed by the DMB and then by City Council.

The Downtown Director further reviewed that the DMB received a report and the completed plan from Crooked Tree Arts Center at their February 2015 meeting; in March of 2015 the DMB appointed a Board member to work with staff on details needing further clarification; and that after three meetings, the DMB Board approved the revised plan at its March 2016 meeting and recommended to City Council.

City Council members commented that the plan is very similar to the Traverse City Art Plan except that it isn't city-wide; discussed the opportunity for the plan to expand to city-wide not just to downtown; that the City should financially support art plan; that the value is evident to have public art, but plans not typical in small towns; that City Council should be involved when putting objects in the public domain; and heard from those in favor of a city-wide plan vs. limiting it only to downtown.

Mayor Fraser asked for public comments and heard to keep the plan moving forward even if it becomes a city-wide plan; that a separate commission is necessary to review and make recommendations for Council or commission approval; that the DMB has inquired several times that Council define the Board's roles as a DMB and why wasn't it expressed that a city-wide plan was favored before project began; that the Hyett Palma Strategic Plan needs to be reviewed; commended Council for considering a plan; heard comments on what public art will do for the City; that the Bear River walk and arboretum would be great locations for art; and that the plan is a good foundation and worth considering expanding.

City Councilmembers further discussed the plan and that the commission should involve many other groups including; Crooked Tree Arts Center, Garden Club, City Boards and Commissions, residents etc. and that the plan be expanded to city-wide and not limited to downtown.

City Councilmembers then requested that a joint meeting be scheduled with City Council and the Downtown Management Board.

The City Manager reviewed that as required by City

Resolution No. 18967 City Ward and Convention Schedule and Dates

Charter provisions, Council was being asked to approve schedule times and designate locations for conducting annual Ward and City Conventions. In order to comply with the State's filing deadlines for candidates, the City Manager recommended that the four Ward Conventions be scheduled simultaneously for 8:00 P.M., Monday, July 11, and that the City Convention be called for 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 13.

The City Manager recommended that Ward Conventions be conducted at the City Hall Council Chambers (First Ward), Ottawa Elementary Media Center (Second Ward), Lincoln Media Center (Third Ward) and Spitler Administration Building Board Room (Fourth Ward). The City Convention would convene at the North Central Michigan College Conference Center.

City Councilmember Dittmar moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Murphy adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the City Charter, the City Council must establish dates and places for annual Ward Conventions and the annual City Convention:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petoskey City Council does and hereby calls the annual 2016 Ward Conventions to be held at 8:00 P.M., Monday, July 11, at the City Hall Council Chambers for the First Ward, Ottawa Elementary Media Center for the Second Ward, Lincoln School Media Center for the Third Ward, and Spitler Administration Building Board Room for the Fourth Ward; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby calls the annual 2016 City Convention to be conducted at 8:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 13, at the North Central Michigan College Conference Center.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Fraser (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Hear Council Comments

Mayor Fraser asked for Council comments and heard from City Councilmember Marshall inquiring on the status of property conditions for a lot located near Michigan and Harvey Streets; and heard from Mayor Fraser inquiring on the status of retaining wall near Mitchell Family Video and Councilmember Murphy for one near Lockwood and Mitchell. Staff will review properties and inform Council of status.

Resolution No. 18968
Adjourn to Closed Session

City Council was being asked to adopt a resolution that would adjourn to a closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to consider strategy and negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

WHEREAS, the City Manager has requested that the City Council adjourn to a closed session, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, to consider strategy and negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement, following the conclusion of routine business at the City Council's regular meeting of May 16, 2016:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby authorizes to adjourn to a closed session, to consider negotiations of a collective bargaining agreement.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Murphy, Dittmar, Fraser (4)

NAYS: None (0)

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this May 16, 2016, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

W.J. Fraser, Mayor

Alan Terry, City Clerk-Treasurer