



CITY COUNCIL

January 21, 2019

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, January 21, 2019. 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: John Murphy, Mayor
Kate Marshall, City Councilmember
Suzanne Shumway, City Councilmember
Grant Dittmar, City Councilmember
Lindsey Walker, City Councilmember

Absent: None

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

Hear Downtown Historic Preservation & Local Historic Districts Presentation

The City Manager reviewed that in late 2018, City Councilmembers requested an overview presentation on Local Historic Districts and the benefits to a community. Amanda Reintjes, a representative from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN), gave a brief presentation on Local Historic Districts and the Certified Local Government Program. Ms. Reintjes reviewed that MHPN is an advocacy group for historic districts; that it is advantageous to keep historic sites in place for a community; that a national registry is honorary and doesn't protect buildings; that it is ideal to preserve heritage of a property; that historic districts protect sense of place and stabilize or increase taxable value; reviewed the process and timeline of implementing a local historic district which would include a Study Committee, State review and conducting a public hearing; reviewed P.A. 169 Enabling Law concerning study committee and then Historic Commission; that a historic district ordinance would be required along with a Historic District Commission; reviewed that commission members can be on other boards and commissions; there are grants available for projects; and noted that new buildings don't have to look old.

City Councilmembers concurred to keep idea moving forward with the Historic District process and referred the matter to the DMB for review in February and brought back to City Council for further discussion at a future meeting.

Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 19258

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of January 21, 2019, City Councilmember Dittmar moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Marshall adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the January 7, 2019 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 January 7, for contract and vendor claims at \$2,718,622.92 intergovernmental claims at \$47,278.31, and the January 10 payroll at \$211,153.32, for a total of \$2,977,054.55 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shumway, Dittmar, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Hear Public Comment

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

Hear City Manager Updates

The City Manager reviewed that bids for a new Sunset Park stair tower are due in early February and installation will run concurrently with the highway realignment project; that starting February 4 the contractor for the US-31 highway project will be closing the Little Traverse Wheelway from Boyne Country Sports to the Bayfront Tunnel due to retaining wall work on the north side of the highway, adjacent to the Wheelway; that he has been approached by Councilmembers to discuss options for the City to increase its long-term use of renewable energy and suggests that MPPA be involved in the discussions, which Council agreed with; that discussions are ongoing concerning a possible redesign or removal of the Lake Street Dam with a possible grant application for Council's consideration in early February; reviewed comments received at the Parks and Recreation Commission public hearings concerning improvements to Solanus Beach/Bayfront West Park and pickle ball courts at Riverbend Park and that there is opposition to volleyball courts, bathrooms and playground at Bayfront Park West and strong support for the pickle ball courts; reported that the Public Safety Lieutenants collective bargaining agreement is still being approved by the Union and once signed will be brought forward to City Council for consideration; and that there is a joint City Council and Planning Commission meeting at 5:30 P.M., Monday, January 28.

Petoskey District Library Board Appointments – Resolution No. 19259-19260

Mayor Murphy reviewed that City Council consider possible reappointments to the Petoskey District Library Board.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby approves the reappointment of Jodi Adams, 819 East Mitchell Street, to the Petoskey District Library Board for a four-year term ending January 2023.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shumway, Dittmar, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby approves the reappointment of Ann Ingles, 1305 Waukazoo Avenue, to the Petoskey District Library Board for a four-year term ending January 2023.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shumway, Dittmar, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Discuss Marijuana Position

Councilmember Dittmar requested his letter concerning marijuana and retail businesses within the City addressed to staff and City Council be included in the January 21 Council agenda materials. Councilmember Dittmar reviewed that Petoskey is behind other communities in discussing this matter; that 60 cities have opted-out already, with others in progress; reviewed timing of the State and application process; that a large minority opposed legalizing marijuana which Council should keep in mind to prevent division in the community, to work for what is best; that voters left matter up to governing body to take a position; and requested that this discussion be placed on the next Council agenda.

City Councilmembers inquired that the first step is to receive legal counsel on medical marijuana; discussed medical vs. recreational marijuana; requested additional background information; and that the cities that have opted out is not necessarily because they are opposed.

City Councilmembers concurred to discuss this matter at the February 4 Council meeting.

Approve Contracts for Sidewalk Projects – Resolution No. 19261

The City Manager reviewed that the City's 2019 budget and CIP included \$150,000 within the General Street Fund for two specific sidewalk improvement projects. The first project includes constructing a segment of sidewalk on the south side of Washington Street between Petoskey and Howard Streets completing a much needed connector between Emmet and Howard Streets. The second project reconstructs a portion of the non-motorized path adjacent to Bayfront Drive from approximately Ed White ballfield to just past the waterfall area which involves removing the existing 8 feet in width asphalt path and replaced with a 10 feet in width concrete path to handle traffic in that area.

The City Manager further reviewed that design review for both projects was performed by Beckett and Raeder, Inc., Ann Arbor and Petoskey; that sidewalk layout along with bid documents were prepared by Benchmark Engineering, Inc., Harbor Springs; that three bids were received specific to each project on December 19, 2018; and that in the past the City has worked with Ryan Brothers, Inc., the low bidder for each project.

Mayor Murphy asked for public comments and heard an inquiry why the path was being replaced with concrete when asphalt was already in place. The Public Works Director responded that concrete was being installed for longevity purposes and in conjunction with the State replacing a section as part of the highway construction project.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Dittmar to contract with Ryan Brothers, Inc., Petoskey, for both of the following projects: Washington Street Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$55,777.35 and the Bayfront Park Concrete Trail Project in the amount of \$82,909.95.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shumway, Dittmar, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Approve Motor Pool Vehicle Purchases – Resolution No. 19262

The Public Works Director reviewed that the City's 2019 budget and CIP allocated \$420,000 within the Motor Pool Fund to purchase and replace certain vehicles and equipment; that for many years, the City routinely made purchases from the State of Michigan Mi-Deal Purchasing Contract; and that Mi-Deal is an extended purchasing program, which allows Michigan local units of government to use State contracts to buy goods and services. The proposed vehicles include a pickup truck for Public Works, a pickup truck for Parks and Recreation and a Pursuit patrol vehicle for Public Safety that make up only a portion of Motor Pool Fund purchases for 2019 and three additional vehicles will be brought forward for approval when final specifications and pricing is established.

The Public Works Director also reported that Pursuit vehicles are rated for high-speed.

City Councilmember Shumway moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Marshall approval of the following:

- Mi-Deal purchase of a latest production mid-size, extended cab, four-wheel-drive, GMC Canyon Pick-up from Todd Wenzel Fleet and Commercial Truck Sales, Westland, at a cost not to exceed \$29,972.50;
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- Mi-Deal purchase of a latest production Dodge Charger Pursuit patrol vehicle from Galeana's Van Dyke Dodge/Ram Fleet Sales, Warren, at a cost not to exceed \$26,539.75.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Shumway, Dittmar, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

Council Comments

Mayor Murphy asked for Council comments and City Councilmember Dittmar commented that Solanus Beach is a nice area and would not want to see it over developed. City Councilmember Marshall questioned why the Winter Sports Park Lodge is not opened earlier than 3:00 P.M. during the week and earlier on the weekends. Mayor Murphy shared a letter he received concerning Pennsylvania Park.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this January 21, 2019, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Alan Terry, Clerk-Treasurer