



## CITY COUNCIL

May 2, 2022

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, May 2, 2022. 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  
Tina DeMoore, City Councilmember  
Derek Shiels, City Councilmember  
Brian Wagner, City Councilmember  
Lindsey Walker, City Councilmember

Absent: None

Also in attendance were Interim City Manager/Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Klingelsmith, Finance Supervisor Audrey Plath and Executive Assistant Sarah Bek.

### **Hear Lofts at Lumber Square Presentation**

Sarah Ford, representing the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation (PHSACF), gave a brief presentation on the Lofts at Lumber Square project; reviewed project history including purchase agreement for 900 Emmet Street, approved PILOT from the City to support previous project and that the project was unsuccessful in securing MSHDA funding; that the PHSACF began working with Haan Development on a plan to secure the property to preserve it for workforce housing; that Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) announced new funding opportunity, Revitalization and Placemaking Program (RAP); that the PHSACF expects to purchase the property by the end of May; that Haan is preparing application to MEDC and finalizing capital stack to move forward with project; if funding is successful, expecting to break ground in spring 2023; reviewed RAP requirements and key factors which includes a letter of support from local/regional economic development organization and/or municipality; that the most competitive applications will include a financial contribution from the local unit of government; that workforce housing is less than 120% of Area Median Income; and that the application deadline is June 3, 2022.

City Councilmembers discussed the workforce housing program and differences between RAP and MISHDA programs; commented this is a nationwide issue with housing and commended the PHSACF for taking the lead on this project; discussed how RAP requires a financial contribution from local unit of government; heard from those excited that the project was revitalized; comments about the RRC application process and project funding sources; discussion on property ownership and regulating income levels; and Council expressed interest in supporting the project financially along with a letter.

### **Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 19658**

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of May 2, 2022, City Councilmember Wagner moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Shiels adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the April 18, 2022 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 April 18, 2022 for contract and vendor claims at \$431,591.93, intergovernmental claims at \$17,297.22 and the April 28 payroll at \$209,978.41, for a total of \$658,867.56 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

### **Hear Public Comment**

Mayor Murphy asked for public comments and heard comments from residents concerning the East Lake Street project and the short cement walkways and steps being removed from the City's right-of-way; heard from those opposed to removing cement areas due to the impact they have on homeowners; that they are existing infrastructure and should remain; heard that they help with deliveries and visitors to certain residence; that City staff notified residents of project, but residents were not informed that cement areas would be removed; that removal of cement areas diminishes homes value; heard from a candidate running for State Representative 107<sup>th</sup> District and introduced himself to the community; and heard the Center for Change is hosting "The Big Party" in Sault Ste. Marie promoting civic engagement and to educate, inspire and empower neighbors.

The City Manager reviewed that the City has the ability to remove things in the right-of-way and is the current practice.

City Councilmembers discussed concerns of residents; that Councilmember spoke with staff on the issue and the City has done a great job on sidewalks, has removed sidewalks in greenway on other reconstruction projects and City has the right to remove cement areas; discussed steps left on Division Street that was not a reconstruction project; discussed if Planning Commission review is required by the Planning Enabling Act and will request a legal opinion; and inquired on cost of replacing cement areas and if any potential safety concerns should be addressed.

### **Hear City Manager Updates**

The City Manager reviewed that the Public Safety Open House is scheduled for June 18, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.; that Public Safety's Accreditation Assessment will be held on May 11 and 12; and that a house was moved Sunday from State Street to former City-owned property on Washington Street.

### **Authorize Contract for Marina Ice Damage Repairs – Resolution No. 19659**

The City Manager reviewed that the 2022 Annual Budget included \$50,000 for repairs to marina property; that this year was a season of heavy ice conditions, which resulted in damage to marina docks and pilings caused by ice lifting; and that only one bid from Walstrom Dock and Dredge, Harbor Springs, was submitted.

City Councilmembers discussed when past marina repairs and budgeting for the work and noted costs are paid through restricted Marina funds.

City Councilmember Shiels moved that, seconded by City Councilmember DeMoore to authorize contracting with Walstrom Dock and Dredge, Inc., Harbor Springs, for Marina ice damage repairs in the amount of \$50,050.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: DeMoore, Shiels, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (5)

NAYS: None (0)

### **Council Comments**

Mayor Murphy asked for council comments and Councilmember Wagner commended the Women's Resource Center's efforts on sexual assault awareness and strongly recommended the book, The Rabbit Effect. Councilmember Shiels inquired about temporary bollards which will again be placed along US-31 near Eppler Road for bike safety. Councilmember DeMoore thanked citizens and residents near East Lake Street project for their concerns, gave kudos to Emmet County Recycling since their program was recognized by MLive as a state model. Mayor Murphy commented the Trails Council requested a letter of support to Representative Bergman concerning the Little Traverse Wheelway, which he did.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this May 2, 2022, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Alan Terry, Clerk-Treasurer