



CITY COUNCIL

March 16, 2020

A regular meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Monday, March 16, 2020. 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
Brian Wagner, City Councilmember
Lindsey Walker, City Councilmember

Absent: Suzanne Shumway, City Councilmember

Also in attendance were Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, City Planner Amy Tweeten, Public Safety Director Matthew Breed, and Executive Assistant Sarah Bek.

Hear Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Mayor Murphy reviewed that the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan requested to declare April 2020 to be Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Mayor Murphy reviewed that the proclamation would recognize April as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Petoskey" and emphasize the City's commitment to this important issue. Mayor Murphy then read 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, John Murphy, Mayor of the City of Petoskey, support efforts to eliminate sexual assault and hereby declare April 2020 to be in our city:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Consent Agenda - Resolution No. 19385

Following introduction of the consent agenda for this meeting of March 16, 2020, City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Wagner adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby confirms that the draft minutes of the March 2, 2020 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 March 2, 2020 for contract and vendor claims at \$856,017.02, intergovernmental claims at \$0, and the March 5 payroll at \$201,637.42, for a total of \$1,057,654.44 be and is hereby acknowledged.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Hear Public Comment

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

Hear City Manager Updates

The City Clerk reported that the medical marihuana referendum on the March 10 ballot was defeated and reviewed timeline for applications; reviewed that the recreational marihuana initiative on the March 10 ballot was approved and staff is working with the City Attorney on ordinance language; that staff continues to discuss a potential solar array project for the Howard Road landfill with MPPA officials; that staff is working with consultants and the Environment Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) officials on renewing the City's five-year Wastewater Treatment Plan discharge permit; that staff is working with the latest Little Traverse Leadership class on a potential solar lighting project for walkways or within parks and that the group may canvass Petoskey neighborhoods soliciting members for the VGP program, but has been delayed due to coronavirus outbreak; reviewed informational materials on the coronavirus outbreak that have been listed on the City's website; that downtown parking is not being enforced until April 6; that the Library is closed with minimal services; and that City Hall is closed to the public until April 17.

City Councilmembers inquired on the economic difficulty during the COVID-19 crisis and if the City has a policy in place regarding citizens paying utility bills and if a continuity services program is common or only during emergencies.

The City Clerk responded that utility customers should contact City Hall regarding payments and work with staff on a payment plan and that a continuity services plan is new and being discussed due to the crisis.

Mayor Murphy reported that he was contacted by the County to appoint a member to the Tax Allocation Board and asked Suzanne Shumway to serve and that no motion was required.

Parks and Recreation Appointment – Resolution 19386-19387

Mayor Murphy reviewed that City Council consider appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

City Councilmember Walker moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Wagner adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby approves the appointment of Jennifer Buchanan, 730 Lockwood Avenue, to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a two-year term ending January 2022.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (4)
NAYS: None (0)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby approves the reappointment of Jon Terry, 1019 East Mitchell Street, to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a two-year term ending January 2022.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (4)
NAYS: None (0)

Postpone Second Reading of a Proposed Ordinance Amending Sections 1704(c) Off-street Parking Exception to General Provision and 2903(3) Site Requirements in the B-2A Transitional Business District

Mayor Murphy recommended tabling discussion and Councilmembers commented that parking exemption is dependent on rezoning and both matters would be tabled.

City Councilmembers concurred to postpone discussion until April 20.

Postpone Second Reading of a Proposed Ordinance to Rezone Properties at 112, 116, 118 and 124 East Mitchell Street from B-1 Local Business and O-S Office Service Districts to B-2A Transitional Business

City Councilmembers concurred to postpone discussion until April 20.

Postpone Update to Economic Development Strategic Plan

City Councilmembers concurred to postpone discussion until April 20.

Approve Slope Failure Study and Interlocal Agreement – Resolution No. 19388

The City Clerk reviewed that this is the second discussion regarding approval of a Slope Failure Study on the bluffs area near Arrowhead Shores in Resort Township; that the Resort Township Board approved supporting paying for 1/3 the costs of the study and requested that the City approach Emmet County to inquire if the County would be willing to fund a portion of the study; that the Emmet County Board voted 7-0 to approve the Interlocal Agreement; that the City received a \$14,700 grant from the Petoskey-Harbor Springs Area Community Foundation Little Traverse Bay Protection and Restoration Fund to help with project; and that the costs for each entity will be reduced to \$22,306.

City Councilmembers were thankful that the Emmet County Board of Commissioners approved the Interlocal Agreement.

City Councilmember Wagner moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Walker to approve the Slope Failure Study dated March 10, 2020 and the Interlocal Agreement with Resort Township and Emmet County to cost share funding on an \$81,620 Slope Failure Study with W.F. Baird & Associates, Madison, Wisconsin.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Authorize Pickleball Court Construction Contract – Resolution No. 19389

The City Clerk reviewed that in 2018, the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan was updated and the desire for outdoor pickleball courts was one of the top three priorities based on community input; that staff has been coordinating with the Little Traverse Bay Pickleball Association to raise funds for the construction of the courts and that approximately \$82,000 has been raised through grant writing and fundraising efforts; that \$25,000 has been included in the 2020 CIP; and that overage costs will be made up via other projects that will be postponed or already completed under budget.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Wagner to authorize contracting with Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc., Petoskey, in the amount of \$132,000 for construction of two pickleball courts at Riverbend Park.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Authorize Motor Pool Purchase – Resolution No. 19390

The City Clerk reviewed that the City's 2020 Annual Budget included \$190,000 for the purchase of a heavy duty truck with chassis to accommodate a salt spreader, underbody scraper blade and front-mounted plow hitch to replace a 1998 dump truck and plow unit with approximately 3,500 hours.

City Councilmember Walker moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Marshall to authorize contracting with Truck and Trailer Specialties, Boyne Falls, through the Mi-Deal Program for the purchase and installation of plow attachments and salt spreader components, for the amount of \$73,756 and authorize purchase from Grand Traverse Diesel Service, Inc., Traverse City, for a heavy duty truck cab and chassis for the amount of \$121,000.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Marshall, Wagner, Walker, Murphy (4)

NAYS: None (0)

Council Comments

Mayor Murphy asked for Council comments and Councilmember Wagner thanked staff for their efforts in stepping up with the coronavirus crisis and that it is heartwarming to see that the City is doing their part during this uncertain time. Mayor Murphy emphasized the importance of practicing social distancing and reported that the next Council meeting is scheduled for April 20.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this March 16, 2020, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Sarah Bek, Deputy Clerk