



CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 2021

A special meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, Petoskey, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. This meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.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
Derek Shiels, City Councilmember
Brian Wagner, City Councilmember
Lindsey Walker, City Councilmember

Absent: None

Also in attendance were City Manager Rob Straebel, Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry, Public Safety Director Matt Breed, Parks and Recreation Director Kendall Klingelsmith, City Attorney James Murray and Executive Assistant Sarah Bek.

Approve Severance Agreement & Release for City Manager Rob Straebel – Resolution No. 19593

Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry reviewed that a proposed Severance Agreement and Release for City Manager Rob Straebel was prepared by the City Attorney and reviewed by Mr. Straebel; that the agreement provides for resolution of all outstanding matters between the City and Mr. Straebel upon his separation from the City of Petoskey effective October 6, 2021; and that a resolution was prepared that would approve the agreement and remove City Manager from the position.

The City Attorney noted a revision was prepared, but not included in the packet pertaining to Page 3, Paragraph 5(a) to make the agreement reciprocal between parties which was requested by the City Manager and felt it was reasonable if Council concurred; and reviewed various portions of the agreement. City Council agreed to amend Page 3, Paragraph 5(a) of the agreement as proposed.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Wagner to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council has performed the annual evaluation of the City Manager on October 4, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has notified City Council of his decision to resign from his position as City Manager of the City of Petoskey:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Petoskey City Council hereby approves the Severance Agreement and Release and authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to sign said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby remove Robert Straebel from the position of City Manager effective immediately.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

Mayor Murphy asked for public comments and Mr. Straebel commented that even though he had no inclination of the separation efforts or given a reason why the separation was occurring he wanted the Mayor and Councilmembers to know he harbored no ill feelings and that he was very proud of the accomplishments City Council and staff made over the last six years, was fortunate to work with a competent, hardworking staff and wished the City the very best in the future.

Joel Wurster, 909 Spruce Street, also commented that Mr. Straebel has been a huge part of the City's success and wanted City Council and Mr. Straebel to know that he is very sad to see him leave.

Appoint Interim City Manager – Resolution No. 19594

Clerk-Treasurer Alan Terry stated that it is his understanding that City Council may want to appoint him Interim City Manager, which he would be willing to accept and that terms and conditions for the position could be brought back at the next City Council meeting.

City Councilmember Marshall moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Walker to appoint Alan Terry as Interim City Manager.

Said motion was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

There being no further business to come before the City Council, this October 6, 2021, meeting of the City Council adjourned at 8:10 A.M.

John Murphy, Mayor

Alan Terry, Clerk-Treasurer