

CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 2009

A special-session meeting of the City of Petoskey City Council was held in the City Hall City Council Chambers at Petoskey, Michigan, on Saturday, June 13, 2009. The 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 determined that the following were

Present: H. Ted Pall, Jr., M.D., Mayor
James Dittmar, City Councilmember
William Fraser, City Councilmember
Robert Johnson, City Councilmember
Ronald C. Marshall, Ph.D., City Councilmember

Absent: None

Also in attendance was Acting City Manager Alan Terry, City Attorney James Murray, and Thomas Dority and Susan Gaptor-Dority, The Mercer Group, Inc., the City's consultant in the City Manager recruitment process.

Resolution No. 18314
Adjourn to Closed Session

Mayor Pall reported that the City Council was being asked to adopt a resolution that would adjourn the meeting to closed session to receive an interview orientation to review the

City Attorney's legal opinion concerning the City Manager hiring process; and that the City Council would reconvene in open session by 9:00 A.M. to begin interviews of the City Manager candidates.

City Councilmember Johnson moved that, seconded by City Councilmember Marshall, the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does and hereby authorizes an adjournment to a closed session interview orientation, as permitted by provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and case law, to review the City Attorney's legal opinion concerning the City Manager hiring process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will reconvene in open session by 9:00 A.M. to interview City Manager candidates.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Dittmar, Fraser, Johnson, Marshall, Pall (5)

NAYS: None (0)

The City Council then adjourned to closed session at 8:05 A.M. and reconvened in open session at 9:05 A.M. with all City Councilmembers present.

The City Council then conducted City Manager interviews with Michael B. Cramer, Greensboro, North Carolina, and Marcus A. Peccia, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Mayor Pall then adjourned the meeting at 12:00 Noon for a one-hour lunch recess and reconvened the meeting at 1:00 P.M. with all City Councilmembers present.

The City Council then conducted City Manager interviews with Dan Ralley, Cardington, Ohio; Neil J. Soltis, Osceola, Wisconsin; and Lisa Sutterfield, Grand Haven, Michigan.

Following conclusion of the City Manager position interviews, Mayor Pall asked for public comment and the City Council heard comments by Jill Fitzpatrick, West Traverse Township, and Cynthia Linn Robson, 606 Grove Street, concerning their observation of the City Manager candidate interviews.

Mayor Pall then adjourned the meeting for a 10-minute recess at 5:35 P.M. and reconvened the meeting at 5:45 P.M., with all City Councilmembers present.

The City Council then discussed how it wished to proceed with this appointment and concurred that it wished additional time to continue this review at its special-session City Council meeting scheduled for 8:00 A.M., Sunday, June 14, 2009. The City Council concurred that no additional interviews would be necessary.

Mr. Dority advised the City Council that it should discuss each candidates strengths in making its appointment decision to this position and that housing would be an issue, but that the City Council should make its decision based upon the best candidate.

The City Council then discussed how it should select and offer the position prior to adjourning the meeting. Mayor Pall reported that it would continue its review of candidates at 8:00 A.M., Sunday, June 14, 2009.

There being no further business included on the meeting agenda, this special-session meeting was then adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

H. Ted Pall, Jr., M.D., Mayor

Alan Terry, City Clerk -Treasurer