

CITY COUNCIL

June 14, 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 Sunday, June 14, 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. 18315
Select Final City Manager Candidate

Mayor Pall reported that the City Council was being asked to select a final candidate for the City Manager position. Mr. Dority reported that he believed that the process of inquiry among City Councilmembers was a good beginning in this appointment selection.

The City Attorney then reviewed the City Charter and legal opinions concerning this appointment.

The City Council then reported on their conclusions from the interviews that were held at the June 13, 2009, City Council special-session meeting, and Mayor Pall reported that it appeared that Michael Cramer, Greensboro, North Carolina, and Dan Ralley, Cardington, Ohio, were the top two finalist candidates for the City Manager position.

Mayor Pall then adjourned the meeting at 9:30 A.M. and reconvened the meeting at 9:35 A.M. with all City Councilmembers present.

The City Council discussed the candidates, their individual preferences, and the strengths of each candidate.

City Councilmember Marshall then moved that, supported by City Councilmember Dittmar, the following resolution be approved:

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does appoint Dan Ralley, Cardington, Ohio, as City Manager for the City of Petoskey pursuant to Chapter 5 of the City Charter, contingent upon: (1) The candidate satisfactorily passing both: (A) A physical examination; and (B) A background investigation; and (2) City Council's approving the terms and conditions of an Employment Contract.

Said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None (0)

The City Council then requested that Mr. Dority of The Mercer Group, Inc., Estes, Colorado, give immediate notice to Mr. Ralley of his selection for appointment to the position of City Manager and begin negotiations for such position in conjunction with the City Attorney's preparation of an employment agreement for the City Manager position.

There being no further business included on the meeting agenda, this special-session meeting was then adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

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

Alan Terry, City Clerk -Treasurer