



23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

Pleasant Ridge City Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2014

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m.

Present: Commissioners Foreman, Krzysiak, Perry, Scott, Mayor Metzger.
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman, City Attorney Need, City Clerk Drealan.
Absent: None.

Minutes

14-3107

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, June 10, 2014, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Perry, Scott, Foreman, Krzysiak, Mayor Metzger.
Nays: None.

June 2014 Disbursement Report

14-3108

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Perry, that the June Disbursement Report be approved, as listed.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Scott, Perry, Foreman, Krzysiak, Mayor Metzger.
Nays: None.

Public Discussion

Mr. Keith Cunningham, 9 Cambridge, Pleasant Ridge Foundation President, announced that the Foundation will be looking a reviving the Rummage sale the day after the auction. He introduced Ms. Jodi McGuire who is helping organize the event.

Ms. Jodi McGuire, 6 Woodside Park, commented that the first drop off for the rummage sale will be July 12th 9 am – noon. They will be accepting clothing, linens, kitchen items. Drop off location will be at 92 Amherst (City of Pleasant Ridge DPW yard). Second drop off date will be August 9th.

Ms. Colleen Stone, 14 Norwich, commented she would like the Commission to consider library services the City. Feels the Huntington Woods Library does not meet the community needs. A neighbor suggested she try the Ferndale Public Library. She feels the Commission should explore the possibility of partnering with the Ferndale Public Library. Many programs at the Ferndale Public Library are not open to Pleasant Ridge residents since we are not a part of their library.

Governmental Reports

Mr. Gary McGillivray, Oakland County Commissioner, gave an update regarding events related to Oakland County.

Ms. Karen Twomey, Ferndale Public School Board, commented that the Ferndale Schools appreciate grants and donations from the Pleasant Ridge Foundation, and commented there are many students in need of community service and the Foundation event may be a great volunteer opportunity for those students. Over the summer there have been performing arts workshops, sports camp and band camps. There have been some classes, seminars and fundraising opportunities. New Superintendent has been appointed. New Communications and Public Relations Director has been hired.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Scott gave an update on the Historical Commission. New member has been recommended for appointment. Museum renovation should begin shortly. Next meeting will be held September 3rd.

Commissioner Krzysiak gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Adult pool nights will be held July 31st and August 29th from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social will be held July 16th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Gainsboro Park. Last swim meet will be held July 10th. The Recreation Commission Meeting has been cancelled for July.

Commissioner Foreman gave an update on events related to the Ferndale Public Schools. He also gave an update on the recent superintendent appointment.

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority. The Planning Commission is continuing work on the Master Plan. The completed rough draft is being reviewed and is available for public review at theridger.org. The next step is a comment period, which will be publically accessible. The Planning Commission could request City Commission approval of the Master Plan as early as October or November 2014. Public Hearing and Site Plan Review will be held July 15th beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed outdoor dining request by Cork. The Family Night event will be held July 30th in Stevenson Park beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Interim Police Chief Appointment

14-3109

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Foreman, that the appointment of Sergeant Kevin Nowak as Interim Police Chief be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Perry, Foreman, Krzysiak, Scott, Mayor Metzger.
 Nays: None.

Pleasant Ridge Citizen Advisory Committee Report

Ms. Jane Makulski, Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC) gave a brief presentation and overview of the report submitted to the City Commission by the CAC.

Ms. Sharon Barrett, Secretary of the CAC, thanked the Commission for convening the group. She also offered some observations regarding the process.

Mayor Metzger and the rest of the City Commissioners recognized the other members of the CAC in attendance and thanked all the members for their volunteer service.

November 2014 Ballot Language

14-3110

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, that the ballot proposal which reads specifically:

“Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge, for the purpose of funding police, fire and EMS, parks maintenance, public works, and general City operations, and to reduce water rates and solid waste charges, be authorized to levy up to an additional 2.9 mills (\$2.90 per thousand dollars of taxable value), beginning in July 2015 and thereafter. The intent of this request is to allow the partial restoration of the City Charter authorized operating millage which was reduced by Section 31 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963. It is estimated that 2.9 mills would provide \$383,965 if levied in full in the first year.”

be approved and forwarded to the Oakland County Clerk for placement on the Tuesday, November 4, 2014 General Election Ballot.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Foreman, Perry, Krzysiak, Scott, Mayor Metzger.
Nays: None.

14-3111

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Scott, that the ballot proposal which reads specifically:

“Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge, for the purpose of paying for capital improvements to the City’s parks and providing matching funds for grant applications for recreation purposes, be authorized to levy a new additional millage of up to 0.75 mills (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) on the taxable value of all property assessed for taxes in the City for a period of 10 years with the first levy in July 2015? It is estimated that 0.75 mills would provide \$99,300 if levied in full in the first year.”

be approved and forwarded to the Oakland County Clerk for placement on the Tuesday, November 4, 2014 General Election Ballot.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Krzysiak, Scott, Foreman, Perry, Mayor Metzger.
Nays: None.

Historical Commission Appointment – Jessica Herzig
14-3112

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Foreman, that the appointment of Ms. Jessica Herzig, to the Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission, to fill an unexpired term, term to expire December 31, 2016, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Scott, Foreman, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Metzger.
Nays: None.

City Manager's Report

City Attorney Cooper status update and welcomed Mr. Greg Need, Interim City Attorney. New Boards and Commission applications available on the website and at City Hall. Cork outdoor dining proposal will be considered July 15th. MBS building has been purchased by some Pleasant Ridge residents. The building and grounds will be improved based on their preliminary plan. Zoning Board of Appeals meeting will be held July 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Pietrzak gave an update regarding the Cambridge Road Project. Project will begin July 14th. Ridge Road and Cambridge intersection will be closed on July 15th for some repairs. He also gave a brief update on the current pool season. The Ridger should be delivered next week.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak commented regarding the book club will meet July 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Gainsboro Park to discuss *Destiny of the Republic*.

Mayor Metzger commented the next Coffee with Commissioners will be held July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. He also commented that residents should look to the website first regarding City information and any important information will be mailed to each household.

Commissioner Foreman commented that he would like to review the process for Junior Commission applicants to apply prior to any appointments.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk