



23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

City Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2013

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Castelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Castelli, Commissioners Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Rubino.
Also Present: City Manager Ball, City Attorney Cooper, City Clerk Allison.
Absent: None.

Manager Ball welcomed Community Media Network, and Mike, the cameraman, who is broadcasting and recording tonight's City Commission Meeting.

Amend January 2013 Agenda

13-2922

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the agenda be amended to include item # 14a and #14b, regarding Historical Commission appointments.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
Nays: None.

Minutes

13-2923

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Perry, that the minutes of the Public Hearing and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held Tuesday, December 11, 2012, and the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, December 11, 2012, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Perry, Krzysiak, Rubino, Mayor Castelli.
Nays: None.

December 2012 Disbursement Report

13-2924

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the December Disbursement Report be approved, as listed.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
Nays: None.

Consent Agenda

13-2925

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the Consent Agenda be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Rubino, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
 Nays: None.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding Regional Transportation. Alternative Analysis Steering Committee traveled to Cleveland to review the BRT to experience the alternative being studied. She will attend a Complete Streets Public Outreach meeting on January 10, 2013. WA3 recognized the renewed membership of Pleasant Ridge at their December meeting. Congratulated the new Ferndale School Board members, who were sworn in last night.

Commissioner Rubino, gave an update regarding the Historical Commission. Plans in the works for the 2013 Home and Garden Tour. Election of officers. Recommended two new appointments.

Commissioner Bushey, gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/DDA. Joint workshop with the City Commission was held and it was a productive workshop. Priorities set for the Planning Commission and DDA. DDA discussed upcoming liquor license requests. DDA has given a recommendation to the City Commission.

Commissioner Krzysiak, gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Health and Wellness Fair, Saturday, January 12, 2013, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, at the Community Center. Pre-registration is requested for the Health and Wellness Fair. Classes and activities will be held throughout the day. Childcare will be available onsite. All proceeds from the Health and Wellness Fair will go towards Playmakers.

Mayor Castelli discussed recent State Legislation which passed regarding court consolidation, and the effect on the 45th District Court.

Governmental Reports

Ms. Amy Butters, Ferndale School Board Member, gave an update on events related to the Ferndale School District.

Mr. Gary McGillvery, Oakland County Commissioner, introduced himself to the Commission and gave an update on events related to the Oakland County Commission.

Annual Meeting Schedules

13-2926

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the 2013 Annual Meeting Schedule for the City Commission, Historical Commission, Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority and the Recreation Commission, be approved as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Rubino, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
 Nays: None.

Establishing a public hearing – February 12, 2013. Fireworks Ordinance

13-2927

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that a public hearing to solicit public comments be scheduled on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. on a proposed amendment to Chapter 42, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV, Offenses Against Public Peace, Section 42-84 to 42-86, Fireworks.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.
 Nays: None.

MERS Service Purchase - Bunting

13-2928

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the request by Sergeant Michael Bunting to purchase additional service credit from the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS), be approved, conditioned upon Mr. Bunting incurring the entire cost of the purchase, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
 Nays: None.

MERS Service Purchase - Nagy

13-2929

Motion by Commissioner Bushey second by Commissioner Rubino, that the request by Officer Jason Nagy to purchase additional service credit from the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS), be approved, conditioned upon Mr. Nagy incurring the entire cost of the purchase, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Rubino, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
 Nays: None.

Recreation reappointment - Kevin Kelly and Christine Matyas

13-2930

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Perry, that the reappointments of Mr. Kevin Kelly and Ms. Christine Matyas, to the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission, terms to expire December 31, 2015, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Krzysiak, Perry, Rubino, Bushey, Mayor Castelli.
Nays: None.

Planning/DDA reappointment - Laidlaw, Decoster, Schlesinger

13-2931

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Perry, that the reappointments of Mr. David Laidlaw, Mr. Michael Decoster and Ms. Martha Schlesinger, to the Pleasant Ridge Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority, terms to expire December 31, 2015, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Perry, Krzysiak, Rubino, Mayor Castelli.
Nays: None.

Historical Appointments – Don Hoepler and Jim Koppen

13-2932

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Bushey, that the appointment of Mr. Don Hoepler to the Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission, to fill an unexpired term, term to expire December 31, 2014, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
Nays: None.

13-2933

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Perry, that the appointment of Mr. James Koppen to the Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission, term to expire December 31, 2015, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Perry, Bushey, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.
Nays: None.

WA3 Business Representative Appointment – S. Singh

13-2934

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Rubino, that the appointment of Mr. Sunny Singh, as the City's business representative to the Woodward Avenue Action Association (WA3) Board of Directors, term to expire November 12, 2013, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.
 Nays: None.

Millennial Mayor's Congress Alternate – B. Brown

13-2935

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Bushey, that the appointment of Ms. Bridget Brown, Assistant to the Recreation Director, as the City's alternate Millennial Representative to the Michigan Suburbs Alliance Millennial Mayor's Congress, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Bushey, Krzysiak, Rubino, Mayor Castelli.
 Nays: None.

City Manager's Report

Quarterly Coffee House will be held January 24, 2013, 7:00pm at the Community Center.
Scheduling for Leadership Committee Meeting, possibly prior to the February City Commission Meeting. (assist the Auction)

Other Business

Commissioner Rubino discussed concerns regarding the cost of the water bills. He would like to schedule a town hall meeting and do a presentation to the voters. Decide if some of the costs from the water bills should be transferred to the tax rolls. Discussions should be held regarding moving the 12 towns debt, which is 1 mill and the levying and addition 1 or 2 mills.

City Manager Ball recommended that this item should be given to the voters. The earliest this language can be approved and place on a ballot is August 2013. Her recommendation is that the millage question be placed on the November 2013 ballot.

Commissioner Bushey agrees that the water issue should be presented to the voters. He would like the City Manager to begin to prepare ballot language so that it can be approved.

Commissioner Perry commented that Mr. Hartman's model is a hybrid model of water billing, between fixed versus variable. This may be an alternative that could be discussed at the proposed town hall meetings.

Commission Rubino commented that he felt the hybrid model would be discussed.

Commissioner Perry requested an additional workshop regarding water issues for the City Commission.

Commissioner Bushey commented that he felt the City Commission had decided what to present to the voters at the last workshop. He would not like to delay this item getting to the voters. Commissioner Bushey supports the current method of water billing, however, feels it should be given to the voters.

Commissioner Krzysiak commented that he supports Commissioner Rubino's request for town hall meetings for the residents regarding the water issue. Would like to see information available at the meeting and online. Feels that the voters should decide this issue.

13-2936

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the City Administration begin to develop ballot language for City Commission approval, regarding the transfer of certain water costs to the tax rolls and that a Community Town Hall meeting regarding this issue be scheduled for March 2013.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Rubino, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
 Nays: None.

Commissioner Krzysiak commented that he would like to see the City develop a Human Rights Ordinance. The City of Royal Oak is drafting this ordinance.

Mayor Castelli suggested the City Administration should obtain a copy of the adopted Royal Oak ordinance prior to developing an ordinance for Pleasant Ridge.

Commissioner Kryzsiak agreed to wait for the Royal Oak ordinance. He commented he has never lived in a more accepting community than Pleasant Ridge. Feels this ordinance is a pronouncement of the acceptance and an announcement of who Pleasant Ridge is as a community.

Mayor Castelli commented that this ordinance was proposed by a former City Commissioner and withdrawn. Pleasant Ridge is a unique community.

With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 8:48 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk