



23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

Pleasant Ridge City Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2013

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

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

Minutes

13-2930

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the minutes of the Public Hearing and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held Tuesday, June 11, 2013, and the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, June 11, 2013, be approved, as recommended.

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

June 2013 Disbursement Report

13-2931

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

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

Public Discussion

Jay Foreman, 79 Maplefield, announced he will be running for City Commissioner in November 2013.

Ms. Sharon Barrett, 14 Amherst, questioned if City recognized groups/club pay for renting the City buildings. Last year there was a coffee clutch held at the Gainsboro Shelter, at no charge, and this year she is concerned this group will be charged because they are not a recognized club.

Ms. Martha Schlesinger, 38 Devonshire, commented she felt it was terrific that part of the June 2013 Coffee House was televised, questioned about what the rules are for televising meetings.

Ms. Cindy Wilcox, 160 Maplefield, thanked the police department for responding to a call at her property. Invited the public to the Ferndale DDA Movie Night.

Mr. Michael Decoster, 26 Kesington, commented he would like the City Commission to consider advancing the idea of capping I-696. Has spoken with Representative Lipton and former County Commissioner Zack regarding the proposal, both are in favor. Also spoke with Congressman Levin and he could not support the idea, but suggested he gain support from the communities. Would like the City Commission allow further study of this idea.

Mr. George Lenko, 32 Oakland Park, feel this should have further study.

Governmental Reports

Ms. Nan Carmueller, Ferndale School Board, gave a brief update regarding the Ferndale Public School District.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Krzysiak, gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Ice Cream Social will be held on July 17th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Gainsboro Park. DIA Inside-Out project has five pieces of artwork throughout the City. Look for special events and tours focusing on the artwork. DIA and Recreation Commission sponsoring a trip for the 50+ club to the DIA, July 18th. Last home swim meet will be July 10th at 6:00 p.m. Recreation Commission will be having a box castle event in August, requested boxes for the event.

Commissioner Bushey, gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/DDA. No meeting was held in June.

Commissioner Rubino, gave an update regarding the Historical Commission. Antique Show and Sale will be held on October 4-6, 2013 at 4 Ridge Road.

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding the Woodward Transit Alternative Analysis. Bus tour will occur next Wednesday looking a possible transit stops. Discussion has been held for stops in/near Pleasant Ridge. ~~WA3 completed the hands on portion of the Complete Streets Study.~~ Study revealed resident goals of slowing traffic speed and reducing lanes. Looking at pedestrian crossing solutions. WA3 working with Woodward Transit group to gather and share concepts, ideas and recommendations. WA3 signed purchase agreement to buy Ford Highland Park plant (Model T plant). Funding is being explored for the purchase. A concert-in-the-park to be held as a fundraiser.

Consent Agenda

13-2932

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Krzysiak, that item 9a, regarding Gay Pride Month be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Gay Pride Month Proclamation

Mr. Kurt Opel and Ms. Anna Opel, 120 Maplefield, opposed the Proclamation.

Mr. Rob Sakat, 8 Fairwood, supports the Proclamation.

13-2933

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Perry, that the Proclamation declaring June as Gay Pride Month, be adopted, as recommended.

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

City Manager’s Report

Opening on the Pleasant Ridge Board of Review. Applications available at City Hall.

Nominating petitions are available at City Hall and are due by August 13th.

City Commission Summer meeting schedule –August Meeting will be cancelled.

Date of Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting – July 25th.

Announced she will be retiring in December 2013.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak commented he has been trying to form a book club. Invited the public to a book club meeting Tuesday, July 30th at Stevenson Park to discuss the book *Cosmopolitanism*.

Closed Session

13-2934

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the City Commission move into Closed Session to discuss attorney-client privileged information (9:00 p.m.).

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

Mayor Castelli reconvened the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk