



City of Pleasant Ridge
23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

City Commission Meeting September 10, 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.

Amend the September 2013 Agenda

13-3012

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the September 10, 2013, City Commission agenda be amended to include item #12a, regarding the request by Officer Jason Nagy to purchase additional service credit from the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS).

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

Minutes

13-3013

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2013, the Public Hearing and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held Tuesday, July 25, 2013, and the Special City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, August 12, 2013, be approved, as recommended.

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

July and August 2013 Disbursement Report

13-3014

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

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

Governmental Reports

Mr. Gary McGillvary, Oakland County Commissioner, gave a brief update regarding events related to the Oakland County Commission.

Ms. Karen Twomey, Ferndale School Board Member, gave an update regarding events related to the Ferndale Public School District.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding the Strategic Planning Committee meeting as well as the Complete Streets bus tour. Ferndale holding an event on September 12th for business owners at Dino's Lounge to discuss impact of proposed transit.

Manager Ball gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/DDA. Master Plan questionnaire under review. Commissioner Bushey was out of town for the meeting.

Commissioner Krzysiak gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Thank you to coaches and families who participated in Little League and T-ball. Great season for the Pleasant Ridge Swim Team. Wished good luck to the soccer teams. Recreation Commission hosted a box castle event on August 27th. Thanks to Recreation Commissioners who helped out at that event. Commissioner is looking at some yearly events. Commission has been working on goals and objectives related to the Recreation Master Plan. Next meeting will be September 25th.

Commissioner Rubino gave an update regarding the Historical Commission. Antique Sale October 4-6 at 4 Ridge Road. Have 13 vendors signed up. Photo with Santa at tree lighting discussions. Speaker Series in January should be finalized in October.

Public Discussion

Mr. Rob Sakat, 8 Fairwood, requested an update on Kenberton sidewalk. Manager Ball gave a brief update. He also requested information on ballot language and public informational meetings. Manager Ball responded the dates are September 19th and October 10th. Requested information regarding the process for the City Manager's replacement. Mayor Castelli responded the search will take place after the November 2013 election.

Ms. Pat Church, 46 Oxford, requested a cost estimate for the Kenberton sidewalk project. Manager Ball responded approximately \$22,000.

Mr. Keith Cunningham, 9 Cambridge, gave an update on the Pleasant Ridge Foundation. Funds raised by the Foundation for the next two years will be earmarked for the update to Gainsboro Park. Oktoberfest event will be held October 26th.

Mr. Dave Tigertt, 14 Oakdale, concerned with the impact of social media on City politics and comments made on a local Facebook page.

Mr. Jay Foreman, 79 Maplefield, commented that the September 2013 Recreation Commission has been rescheduled to October 2, 2013, which was incorrectly announced as September 25th. Commented regarding a Facebook post he authored on a local Facebook page.

Mr. George Lenko, 32 Oakland Park, commented regarding a local Facebook page.

Mr. Ryan Stearn, 15 Wellesley, thanked Mayor Castelli and Commissioner Bushey for their time in office. Wished all the candidates good luck in the election. Commented on his reasons for running for City Commissioner.

Consent Agenda-Amendment

13-3015

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

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

Establishing public hearing – Firework Ordinance Amendment

13-3016

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that a public hearing to solicit public comments on a proposed amendment to Chapter 42, Miscellaneous Provisions, Article 4, Offenses against Public Peace, Section 42-86, Ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks and Section 42-8, Violations, fines and penalties, be established for Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., as recommended.

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

Establishing public hearing – 2014 CDBG Program

13-3017

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that a public hearing to solicit public comments on the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Application and Subrecipient Agreement, be established for Tuesday, October 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., as recommended.

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

MERS Employee Delegate Appointment G. Fearn

13-3018

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the appointment of Officer Glenn Fearn as the City's Employee Delegate to the Michigan Employee's Retirement (MERS) Annual Meeting, be approved as recommended. .

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

MERS Purchase Request – J.Nagy

13-3019

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, 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: Commissioner Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.
Nays: None.

City Manager’s Report

Meet the Candidates Night will be held Thursday, October 3, 2013

Millage public informational meeting

Coffee with Commissioners Sept 26

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak commented the next book discussion “The Abundant Community” to be held Tuesday, September 24th at 7:00 pm at Gainsboro Park. Commented election season is underway and shared a story regarding his own experience.

Commissioner Perry commented the Woodward Avenue Action Committee is working on saving the Highland Park Ford Model-T plant. Donations are being accepted. Deadline for donations is September 30th.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk