



23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

**Regular City Commission Meeting
May 13, 2014**

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Foreman, Krzysiak, Perry, Scott, Mayor Metzger.
Also Present: Acting City Manager Pietrzak, City Attorney Cooper, City Clerk Drealan.
Absent: None.

Minutes

14-3087

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, April 8, 2014, the Special City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, April 12, 2014, and the Special City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, April 22, 2014, be approved, as recommended.

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

April 2014 Disbursement Report

14-3088

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, that the April Disbursement Report be approved, as listed.

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

Public Discussion

Ms. Amanda Wahl, 27 Fairwood, commented that the Pleasant Ridge Foundation has committed to donate \$100,000 - \$150,000 towards the Gainsboro Park project. Tickets are available now for the Foundation Auction to be held Saturday, May 17th. Polar plunge will be held Friday, May 17th between 7:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Ms. Donna Gloff, 76 Amherst, the Pleasant Ridge plant exchange will be held Saturday, May 31th at Gainsboro Park between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

Mr. Charles Mandel, 87 Oakdale, thanked the Commission to their dedication and service. Commented on the selection of the City Manager. Feels the choice should be the best and most experienced candidate and feels the candidate selected does not meet the minimum standards, as

written in the advertisement for the position. Feels the weakest candidate has been selected. He discussed aspects of the advertisement and the resume of the candidate.

Mr. Jerry Bushey, 20 Oakdale, commented he agrees with Mr. Mandel's comments. He turned in a petition with 75 signatures. A copy of the petition is attached.

Mr. James Zupan, 18 Kenberton, commented about the salary that will be paid to the City Manager candidate.

Mr. Armando Cavazos, 18 Norwich, commented he discussed his concerns at the December Special City Commission meeting regarding an interim City Manager candidate. Concerns with the experience of the City Manager candidate. Does not feel that the City should be in a hurry if the Commission does not have the proper candidate.

Mayor Metzger commented about the process of selection for the City Manager. The City contracted with the MML and a description was formulated. The City received 36 applications. The MML created a list of potential candidates and recommended 5 finalists. There was a community meet and greet held and the resumes were posted on the City's website. The interview process was held. The City Manager candidate was one of the finalists selected by the MML. The City Commission is proceeding with the candidate they feel is best.

Mr. Bushey commented that the City Commission held a meet and greet, and interview process that the City could not participate in.

Mr. Charles Mandel questioned if there were qualifications other than what was listed in the advertisement. Questioned how the Commission came up with an unqualified candidate.

Commissioner Scott commented the Commission feels that the candidate brings characteristics that the City Commission is looking for.

Ms. Becky Uber, 13 Elm Park, commented she did not attend the meet and greets, but understand that there was not an opportunity for residents to ask questions of the candidates. Questioned the skills that Mr. Breuckman is bringing to the community, that the City is lacking. Why is he the best candidate. Feels that residents are confused with this candidate selection.

Ms. Pam Bushey, 20 Oakdale, commented why was the selection made public before the contract was negotiated. Seems like this was a done deal before the contract was negotiated.

Ms. Betty Howe, 31 Cambridge, commented the Mr. Pietrzak did an excellent job as interim, but wanted to remind tonight's speakers that the current City Commission won and gets to make the decisions for the City. Encourages the Commission to move forward.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Mayor Metzger gave an update regarding the City Manager Search. He introduced Mr. Breuckman and commented about the process during the contract negotiations. A contract has not been finalized, however, in anticipation of a final contract, a Special Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00 pm.

Commissioner Foreman gave an update regarding the Ferndale Public Schools. Update regarding the Ferndale Superintendent search. Commented about some outstanding Pleasant Ridge FPS students. Dodge Drives Fundraiser held Saturday, May 10th and was successful. Discussed some upcoming events.

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority. No April meeting. Next meeting will be held May 19th. Working on finalizing the City Master Plan. Cork has requested outdoor dining, which will have a preliminary review. City picnic events scheduled. Woodward Transit Committee met to discuss transit thorough South Oakland County. The WA3 has an upcoming fundraiser to beautify Woodward in the Palmer Park area, donations are being accepted.

Commissioner Scott gave an update on the Historical Commission. Home and Garden Tour, June 7th from 10:00 am through 4:00 pm. CAC has two meetings left and will be formulating budget recommendations.

Commissioner Krzysiak gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Kick Start the Park in Gainsboro Park was held May 7th. Community input was solicited during that event. Online survey regarding potential playground equipment for Gainsboro Park. The Recreation Commission will use the survey results, as well as any emails received regarding this item. May 24th, at 11:00 am, will be a bike decorating event, so that the bikes can be shown off during the Memorial Day parade. Family Reunion will be held at Gainsboro Park on June 17th.

Consent Agenda

14-3089

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Foreman, that the Consent Agenda be approved, as recommended.

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

Schedule Public Hearing – June 10, 2014 – Budget related items

14-3090

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, that a public hearing be established for Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., to solicit public comments on the proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 millage rates, fiscal year 2014-2015 combined city budgets and the fiscal years 2015-2019 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as recommended,

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

2014 IWC Charges

14-3091

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, that the proposed Industrial Waste Control Charges effective on water bills due after June 1, 2014, be adopted, as recommended.

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

Ballot Language – Library Services Renewal

14-3092

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

“Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge authorize a renewal of up to one-half mil (.5 mills) for a period of five years, for years 2015 through 2019, inclusive, in excess of its Charter authorized tax rate as reduced by Section 31, Article IX, of the 1963 State Constitution, such additional millage to be used to provide library services? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$66,200.90 in 2015.”

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

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

WNV Fund Reimbursement Request

14-3093

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the Acting City Manager be authorized to request reimbursement of authorized expenses from the Oakland County West Nile Virus Fund, as recommended.

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

Resolution – Solid Waste Plan Amendment

14-3094

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the resolution regarding the Oakland County Solid Waste Management Plan amendment, be approved, as recommended.

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

City Manager's Report

Foundation sponsored Polar Plunge to be held May 16th at 7:00 pm, at the Community Pool.
Foundation Auction to be held May 17th at 7:30 pm at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center.
Community Pool opens for the season on May 23rd at 4:00 pm.
Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony to be held May 26th beginning at 8:45 am.
New notification system in place – text message and SMS updates available text @prnews to 248-365-7220.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak commented the next book club event will be held on May 20th, 7:00 pm, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center.

Commissioner Scott commented that the public is always invited to meetings; Regular Meetings, Special Meetings and Workshops.

Mayor Metzger reminded the public of the upcoming meetings, Volunteers Recognition Dinner, FYA awards dinner, as well as the Foundation Auction. There will be a Special City Commission meeting held May 27th to discuss the proposed City Manager's agreement.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk