



23925 Woodward Avenue
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

**Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting
February 10, 2015**

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

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

Public Discussion

Mr. Leslie Jones, 19 Fairwood, gave an update on the first meeting of the resident driven Environmental Committee. The Committee has set goals for itself for five and twenty years. The overarching goal is to create a citizen supported plan for sustainability. The five major goals identified as a group were green infrastructure, water resource management, recycling and resource management, energy independence and education and community outreach to further the committees' goals. Commissioner Foreman and Assistant City Manager Pietrzak were in attendance. There will be Earth Friendly landscape classes presented by SOCRRA will be held at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center in March. There will be a separate class regarding Healthy Lawn care for Watershed Protection, at the Community Center which will be held March 26th at 7:00pm. The next meeting of the Environmental Committee will be February 25th at 6:00pm also at the Community Center.

Commissioner Krzysiak announced the City of Pleasant Ridge Administration will be holding a Utility Bill Town Hall on March 31st 6:30 pm at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center to discuss the utility billing system and possible rate structures.

Governmental Reports

Mr. Gary McGillivray, Oakland County Commissioner, gave a brief update regarding events related to Oakland County. Oakland County is currently accepting applications for summer positions until February 23rd, apply online at www.oakgov.com/jobs.

Ms. Karen Twomey, Ferndale Public School Board member, gave an update regarding events related to the school district. Restructuring process is underway to reconfigure elementary schools and the possible move of the 6th grade to the middle school. This topic will be discussed at the next Ferndale Middle and High School PTA meeting to be held on February 24th at 6:00 pm at Ferndale High School. February 25th is the Superintendents Advisory Committee Meeting at 9:00 am at Harding or 7:00 pm at the High School Media Center. The second Community Forum will be held March 9th at 7:00 pm at the Ferndale High School Auditorium to discuss the Plante Moran and Michigan Leadership Institute findings. The Ferndale School Board will hold a study session on March 12th at 5:30 pm at

the Harding Administration Building. If the public is not available to attend the meetings, there is a “talk to us” button on the Ferndale Public Schools homepage or the public to provide feedback. www.ferndaleschools.org/restructuring/talktous. Board Meeting are now broadcast on the districts YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzygQ4n-xy_EAcpDFgSQLCw. FPD has negotiated an early college school for up to 60 college credits free of charge at Baker College. New Montessori window open now through February 18th. District wide Open House will be held on February 28th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Mr. Brian Batten, Ferndale Fire Marshall, attended the meeting for the Ferndale Fire Department and had no report.

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police, gave a brief report regarding events related to the Police Department. He introduced the newest part-time Police Officer Steven Carroll and the newly promoted Police Sergeant Rob Ried. Crime in the community is down, however identify thefts have increased. Requested that residents park off the street during snow storms so that the streets may be plowed and salted.

Assistant City Manager Scott Pietrzak, gave a presentation regarding the Gainsboro Park Fence project. During the months of March and April 2015 the fence work will begin on that project. The areas have been damaged due to vegetation and vandalism over the years.

Ms. Amanda Wahl, 27 Fairwood, Pleasant Ridge Foundation Trustee, announced that the Pleasant Ridge Foundation will be donating the funds to the City to complete the Gainsboro Fence project.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Perry reported that the Planning Commission and DDA met on January 26, 2015. They welcomed two new members, Kristi McAuliffe and Lola Christensen. Both members are business owners. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Master Plan. The plan is not inconsistent with neighboring communities. There were no objections raised and they recommended adoption. The 2015-2020 Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed and approved. The next meeting will be February 23, 2015, 7:00pm, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. The Woodward Avenue Action Association is coordinating the Woodward Avenue/I-696 design study. A public forum regarding the results of the study will be presented on February 16, 2015. Information regarding the WA3 can be obtained at www.woodwardavenue.org or on Facebook “Woodward Avenue Action Association.”

Commissioner Scott reported that the Historical Commission met on February 4, 2015, and thanked Commissioner Perry for attending in his absence. The 25th Anniversary of I-696 will have its party on January 15, 2015, which was a success. He thanked Mr. John Wright for his efforts towards that project. The Home and Garden Tour will be held June 6, 2015. If you are interested in having your home on the tour or advertise in the booklet, contact any member of the Historical Commission or him. The next meeting will be held March 4, 2015, 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

Commissioner Krzysiak commented that the Daddy/Daughter Sweetheart Dance was a success. 63 people attended the event. 50-plus Bingo Night will be February 19, 2015, 6:00 pm. Please RSVP

for this event. The Recreation Commission welcomes new ideas and comments, and invites residents to participate. Next meeting is February 25, 2015, 7:00 pm, Community Center.

Commissioner Foreman reported that Ferndale School District has a new STEM project, (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.) The project is called lead the way. 7th and 8th grade students will be eligible to participate and the district is the only one in the area to offer the program. The Community Forums discuss the restructuring and recommendations for the district moving forward and have been informative. Reiterated two important meeting dates. February 25, 2015, Superintendents Meeting regarding elementary configuration. March 9, 2015, second Community Forum.

Consent Agenda

15-3155

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the Consent Agenda, be approved, as listed.

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

Ordinance 410 to amend Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, by amending Section 70-55, Residential Parking Permits, and adding Section 70-56, Penalties

City Manager Breuckman indicated that this is the next step in the permit parking program. The proposed program is an “opt-in” program where residential streets would have to request the City to consider a permit area by two-thirds vote of property owners. The town hall meeting had the east side residents pretty much unanimous in support of this proposal. He gave a brief presentation detailing the areas where the permit parking could be requested. Permits will be valid for two years and guest passes will be made available.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:30 pm.

Mr. Francis Allen, 7 Devonshire, opposes the permit parking ordinance. Feels that his street does not need permit parking. Feels that whenever there is a commercial issue in the City, the residents have to cope with the problem. He has many visitors to his home and he does not wish to bother the Police Department in order to obtain permits for his guests. They have guests on a regular basis. Feels it is a double standard because other parts of the City do not have to deal with permits and his area of the street does. There is already limitations on his street, as there is parking on one side of the street only.

Mayor Metzger commented that each street needs to opt into the program. It is not an automatic program.

Ms. Kate Redmond, 8 Sylvan, thanked the Commission for listening to the complaints of the residents and for creating a comprehensive program. She is looking forward to the vote and the next steps in the process.

Mr. Matt Hubbard, 7 Amherst, commented he is four houses off Woodward and has noticed that parking during peak hours from Mae's is difficult. The traffic has increased on his street as well as the parking. There are times when he is unable to get out of his driveway. He is supportive of the proposed ordinance. Questioned how enforcement would be handled through the Police Department. Currently there is limited enforcement in the area. Requested a better directional sign for the Wellesley Parking Lot, which is currently at the alley entrance on Amherst. Very supportive of the program.

City Manager Breuckman commented that the directional sign has been changed.

Ms. Kristi McAuliffe, 6 Fairwood, thanked the Commission for the efforts. Suggestion regarding how the permits are made available. Understands that this can be an annoyance. In another community, each property was issued a pass for their vehicles and two guest passes, which residents would keep in their home to give to their guests when they arrived. This saved the trouble of preplanning guests.

Mr. Eric Stempien, Romano Law Firm, 23880 Woodward commented that he has reviewed the ordinance and has concerns related to the language regarding hours. Feels it is targeted to the business along Woodward. He presented his concerns at the December 2014 City Commission Meeting. There will be difficulties for his business if the permit parking passes. The Fairwood Parking Lot is normally full and with the snow being plowed into at least 4 spaces there is even less parking there. Residents have confronted some of his employees about parking on the street. He opposes the ordinance. Parking is not a problem that the businesses created. Since December, his staff has made some changes to how they are parking on the residential streets.

Mr. March Levine, 8 Sylvan, commented that he has not seen any evidence of the employees of the law firm making parking accommodations. There is constant cars in front of his house. Residential streets should not be used as employee parking lots anywhere. This is an imposition of the citizens of Pleasant Ridge. Clogging up the streets is not the answer. He is in favor of whatever will stop the parking problem.

Mr. Brian Freeman, 5 Sylvan, commented he has confronted the employees from the law firm when they are parking on the street. There is a Porsche that goes zipping up and down his street. Has watched employees use residential driveways as turn arounds. The driveways are not turn arounds for business. Would like them to stop running over his hostas. Does not know if permit parking is the answer, but he does not want people in his driveway.

Mr. Rob Sakat, 8 Fairwood, commented that recently law firm employees are parking on Fairwood. He has asked them why they are parking on the street since it is not employee parking. The response he has received has been to call the owner of the law firm. He recalled Mr. Stempien at the December 2014 meeting indicating he would like to be a good neighbor. It has come to his attention that there are cameras on the Romano building facing that buildings parking lot so Mr. Romano can monitor the lot at night after hours and have cars that are parked there towed. Being a good neighbor, he could help relieve some of the nighttime parking by allowing Cork to use his parking lot. He does not feel this is a good neighbor policy. The law firm should not be allowed to park on the street. He is in favor of permit parking.

Mr. Allen commented that he sympathizes with his fellow residents but why is everyone else being penalized because one street is having a problem with a law firm. He feels that his street, Devonshire,

does not have a parking problem and there is very limited parking on his street anyway. He has not seen any business parking on Devonshire. He questioned if Commission Scott has seen any parking problem, since he lives across the street from Mr. Allen/

Commission Scott commented that he has not seen a parking problem on Devonshire, since it has a unique housing stock with long wide lots and fewer driveway approaches. This may not be the same for other streets. Each street can choose its own path as to whether or not those streets need permit parking.

Mr. Allen feels the residents on Devonshire should not be punished because other streets have parking issues. From the comments it seems that it is one street that has a problem with one business.

City Manager Breuckman commented that the permit parking is not a requirement on each street. Residents of each street must opt into the program. It is available to each street in the zone on a street by street basis.

Ms. Tracy Martinez, 5 Sylvan, commented she supports the permit parking ordinance. Has seen no change in the law firm parking in front of her house. Feels the ordinance is needed as a safety issue and she had problems getting in and out of her driveway. When it snows and the plows come through the snow piles up and narrows the approach. Her sister ripped off the bottom of her car last year because the snow was pile up since there was a car parked basically in the middle of the street. There was also a day last week she could not get into her driveway because a car was parked there.

With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:52 pm.

Commissioner Krzysiak commented this is a tailored solution. This is a first step. Since each street can opt into the program, these streets can be pinpointed to the problem areas only. The residents will have input as to how the program is tailored to their street. Residents on each street decide whether they want to participate. Also would like the City to help the business owners who have to park in the public lots that those lots are clear and all the spots are available.

Commissioner Foreman commented he agreed with Commission Krzysiak that the residents of each street should decide by a 2/3 vote as to whether their street will opt into the permit parking program. He would like to enable the residents of each street in the zone to decide if they would like permit parking for their individual street. There also is a process if place that is a street has opted in and they program is not successful, that street can opt out.

Commissioner Scott is also in favor of this ordinance. The ordinance is flexible enough that each street can make its own decision. It is a nice resolution for streets that have a problem.

Mayor Metzger commented that there has been some concerns regarding displacement. Is the problem being pushed to the east outside of the zone? These issues will be reviewed and assessed after the permit zone has been created and the permits issued.

15-3156

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Scott, that Ordinance 410 to amend Chapter 70, Traffic and Vehicles, by amending Section 70-55, Residential Parking Permits, and adding Section 70-56, Penalties, of the Pleasant Ridge City Code, be adopted.

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

Pleasant Ridge Community Master Plan

City Manager Breuckman gave a brief presentation regarding the Community Master Plan.

15-3157

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Foreman, that the City Commission concurs with the Planning Commission and adopts the City of Pleasant Ridge Master Plan as presented at a public hearing held January 26, 2015, pursuant to MCL 125.3843 of PA 33 of 2008.

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

SCAF Parks and Recreation Special Revenue Fund Allocation

City Manager Breuckman explained that the investment committee has reviewed proposals for investment advisory services. He is recommending that the City Commission allocate monies in to the Parks Special Revenue Fund and appoint Vanguard Institutional Advisory Services based on their proposal. The fee structure for Vanguard is more attractive than any of the other proposals received. A 2 million dollar allocation is the minimum deposit for services with Vanguard. After this allocation, funds for investment would be determined by the Investment Committee.

15-3158

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Foreman, that that the City Commission allocate of \$2,000,000 from the SCAF Account to the Parks Special Revenue Fund, and appoint Vanguard Investment Advisory Services as the City's investment advisor and co-fiduciary.

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

Resolution of Intent to establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program and calling a Public Hearing

City Manager Breuckman gave a brief presentation regarding the PACE program. The documents for this program have been placed on the City's website for public review. The program does not apply to residential properties at this time. There is no liability to the City for this program. The recommendation is to adopt the Resolution of Intent to establish the program and establish a public hearing for March 10, 2015, at 7:30 pm.

15-3159

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, that the resolution regarding the intent to establish a Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE) be approved and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., to solicit public comments on the intent to establish a PACE district and a PACE Program within the City of Pleasant Ridge

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

City Manager's Report

City Manager Breuckman reported that on February 17, 2015, at the Community Center, the project team on the Woodward Avenue transit project will be reporting on their finds and making recommendations. More information on the times will be reported on the City's Website. Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center there a Utility Billing Town Hall will be held regarding the water rate structure and plan. The City has been looking at ways to upgrade and improve the City owned facilities for energy conservation upgrade potential. Mr. Charles Cooper has submitted his notice of retirement as City Attorney. A resolution in recognition of Mr. Cooper will be forthcoming.

Mayor Metzger echoed the comments of Breuckman on how important the meeting of February 17, 2015 is by having national experts making their report on Woodward Avenue wherein over 150 issues will be discussed. It is important to have residents involved as the City of Pleasant Ridge moves forward on improving the community.

Other Business

Commissioner Foreman reported that the Spring Musical at Ferndale High School will be the Wizard of Oz, and performances will be March 21, 22, 27 and 29, and advertising for the program is available until February 13th. The next Coffee with Commissioners' will be held March 24th.

Commissioner Krzysiak mentioned the call to action for all Pleasant Ridge Snow Angels, snow shovelers. He invites everyone to take some time and think about others who may need help. Contact the Community Center if you are need of help or if you would like to be a Snow Angel. The book club is currently reading *The Warmth of Other Suns*. A discussion of this book will be February 26th, 7:00 pm at the Gainsboro Shelter.

Commissioner Perry reported she and Commissioner Krzysiak have been working on a Block Club Kickoff for streets without clubs. There will be a meeting in March. Residents who have comments on the Ferndale Public Schools reorganization should go to www.ferndaleschools.org/restructuring/talktous and weigh in on these issues.

Mayor Metzger encourages residents to reach out for help clearing the snow if they need it. The City is not plowing sidewalks, so this is the residents' responsibility. Also residents should clean up after their animals while they are on walks.

Commissioner Scott commented this weekend will be bitterly cold and please check on your neighbors to be sure they are ok.

Assistant City Manager Pietrzak announced the salt buckets can be placed at the curb the third Monday of the month during the winter months. The Woman's Club will be holding their Speaker Series February 12th, 7:00 pm at the Community Center.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk