



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting
February 14, 2017**

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:32 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

Amanda Wahl, 27 Fairwood, presented an update on the Pleasant Ridge Foundation Auction. It will be held the third Saturday in May and the theme will be Rock and Roll - Rockin' in the Ridge. The Foundation will invest the proceeds into renovating the back area of the community center. The annual membership drive encourages all citizens to join or contribute. The annual fee is \$35 and all monies go back into the community. Citizens can donate in person or online through the website.

Scott Pietrzak, Assistant City Manager/Recreation Director, discussed additional improvements to the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. The new access card project is 95% completed. Network security issues are being addressed. Beta testing will begin in the next couple of days with 30-40 regular users with a March 1 goal date to open the system to everyone. Everyone is encouraged to get an RFID tag to unlock the inner doors. An application must be completed to receive a tag and you must be 16 years or older. There will be an emergency phone button on the wall that will access 911. Three pendants with emergency buttons will also be available. The doors will lock at midnight with no reentry but there will be an emergency button for immediate reentry if needed. The Wellness Center will be shut down for three days to install new machines and flooring.

Governmental Reports

Commissioner Gary McGillivray, Oakland County Commissioner, noted that the County is hiring teens 16 and over for summer jobs. Applications are made through oakgov.com. There are positions available for life guards, park helpers, concession stand workers and others, with the pay range being approximately \$8.50 to \$11.00 per hour. Interested citizens should apply as soon as possible. He also noted that Oakland County Directories are available.

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police, indicated that the Department assisted Ferndale during the recent Planned Parenthood gathering. Approximately 800 people attended and the event was peaceful and well managed. There was a discussion regarding the City's preparedness for gatherings of that nature in Pleasant Ridge.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Foreman reported on Ferndale Public Schools. The Detroit Concert for a Cure raised \$1000 for the Ferndale Orchestra and \$3000 for Broadway Cares, most from the silent auction. The National Junior Honor Society made a presentation to the 50+ Club on how to use technology followed by one-on-one mentoring. The 50+ Club members felt more confident with using their devices and both groups felt the session was a great success. They are planning to offer a more advanced session in the near future. School board records show that resident enrollment in the past two years has increased significantly. There will be no school from February 20 through 24 for winter break. The next school board meeting is scheduled for February 27th at 7 p.m. at the high school.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The Commission met on January 23rd and appointed Thomas Treuter as Chair, Kevin McCutcheon as Vice Chair and Martha Schlesinger as Secretary. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) sets forth projects for the next six years including road construction, tree planting, and police vehicles. The full CIP plan was approved and can be found on the City's website. The Oak Park Master Plan was reviewed. There were no proposed land use changes that affect Pleasant Ridge. The Commission approved a letter supporting the master plan. The DDA discussed the upcoming budget year and formed a budget subcommittee. The Multi-Jurisdictional Transit Circulator Service was discussed and it was agreed to allocate up to \$5000 from the DDA budget to support this service. The next meeting is April 24th at 7 pm.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. The next meeting is March 1, 2017. The Museum will be open Saturday, February 18 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The Home and Garden Tour will be held on June 10, 2017.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on the Recreation Commission. Chris Budnik was reelected Chair and Christine Matyas was reelected Secretary.

Consent Agenda

17-3292

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

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

Ordinance 422 to amend Chapter 10 Animals, Sec 10-1, Definitions and Sec 10-8, Hoarding of Animals and Section 10-9 Wild and Farm Animals and Non-Household Pets Prohibited

A subcommittee was formed including staff members and Mark McManus, Sean Campbell, and David Assemany. A very productive meeting led to using a model animal hoarding ordinance rather than trying to address specific numbers of animals. There was discussion regarding the need for involving psychiatrists to be declassified as an animal hoarder. Psychological review of people who hoard animals was included in the model ordinance and is supported by medical research.

17-3293

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the ordinances as amended. Commissioner Foreman thanked all those who participated in the process.

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

Multi-Jurisdictional Transit Circulator Service

City Manager Breuckman delivered a powerpoint presentation on the proposed "Fab Cab" Neighborhood Shuttle. Both Ferndale and the Zoo are looking for solutions to their parking issues. The plan is to have a local circulator transit system that would run within a small defined area. The service would run from May-Oct, Fri-Sun, 10 a.m. to midnight. The route is not yet set but is planned to run from UofD Mercy to the Zoo and may include Royal Oak. Ideally it would have two or three trolleys running a 40 minute round trip. There would be different daytime and nighttime routes. It would be free to ride. The plan is modeled after the Grosse Pointe K-Line. Expenses are projected at \$235,000 for two trolleys. Revenues are estimated at \$315,000 without Royal Oak. Royal Oak participation would allow for three trolleys. Revenues would include \$210,000 from core partners and \$105,000 from sponsorships. Both UDM and Meijer will be approached to be sponsors. Core Partner funding breaks down as follows: Ferndale - \$100,000 (\$50,000 from DDA, \$50,000 from parking mitigation fund); Detroit - \$50,000; Pleasant Ridge - \$10,000; Detroit Zoo - \$50,000; Royal Oak - \$50,000 (potential). The plan is to operate as a one year pilot project and potentially extend into future years. Goals include becoming self-sufficient and removing the need for core partner funding. Additional goals include achieving 400 general riders per week (considered a low figure), 100 UDM riders per week, and increasing cross-neighborhood economic activity by 10%. Ferndale has taken the lead role in managing the project. Partnerships will be formalized and sponsors solicited in March. Initially plan to lease the trolleys in April with a goal to launch the project in May. Buying new trolleys in the future would be less expensive than leasing. The Pleasant Ridge DDA has committed \$5000 and the City Commission is being asked to consider matching that \$5000 commitment. There would be a stop in Pleasant Ridge, likely at Oakland Park and Sylvan. It was suggested that a bike rack by installed at those corners. The system would include a "Ride Hop" technology app which uses GPS to show riders where the trolley is on the route. A final name for the service has not been decided.

17-3294

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to allocate \$5000 to the Multi-Jurisdictional Transit Circulator Service.

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

City Manager's Report

City Manager Breuckman reported that bids are going out for the Hanover and Norwich Roads improvement project this week.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak reported that the Book Club for March will discuss *Georgia O'Keeffe: A Life*, by Roxana Robinson. The meeting will be the second Wednesday of the month, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. There was an excellent discussion at the workshop on gerrymandering presented by Kevin Deegan-Krause. Commissioner Perry was active in organizing the event and it was very well attended. To learn more about the issue citizens should go to the Count MI Vote website at countmivote.org or the League of Women Voters site - lwvmi.org. There will also be other presentations given throughout the state on this issue.

Commissioner Foreman commented on the speed measuring sign that has been posted. Review of the data will be done in the spring. A solar sign was installed at a cost of \$3800 as opposed to \$18,000 for a hardwired unit. It sometimes loses power and a second battery has been purchased to help keep it consistently operating. The sign does help raise driver awareness and improve public safety.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:37 pm