



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

**Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting
September 12, 2017**

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

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

2017 City of Pleasant Ridge Beautification Awards

Commissioner Foreman introduced the Beautification Committee members: Don Daniels, Cathie Gillis, Dave Laidlaw, Jennifer Kueber, Melinda Pippel, and Jan Treuter. Awards were presented to: James Riggio & Curtis Edgar, 28 Maywood; Allison LaVoie, 52 Fairwood; Mark and Lori Bolach, 106 Cambridge; and Scott Laslie and Jose Guerrero, 3 Poplar Park. Special mention was given to Gainsboro Park. City Manager Breuckman noted that the first event in the Park will be a Grand Re-opening and Hayride on October 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

Public Discussion

Ms. Luran Howard, 22 Oakland Park, commented about duck waste at the Pleasant Ridge Community Pool. The pool was inspected by the Oakland County Health Department on August 22, 2017. Their report showed that the pool is not in compliance, primarily because the pool deck had not been cleaned up to standards. The report stated that the city should take steps to remove the ducks from the pool and pool enclosure while still complying with state wildlife laws. She requested that the city take steps to eliminate the ducks for the next pool season. Mayor Metzger commented that getting rid of the ducks next year is a common goal. Attempts need to be made earlier in the year to prevent the ducks from making their home at the pool.

Mr. Eric Zucker, 42 Kensington, commented regarding the AT&T wiring upgrade. Workers had entered his backyard, left the gate unlocked and debris in the grass. He contacted police regarding the workers in his yard. He noted that the AT&T representative/subcontractor did not have any ID or markings on their vehicles or personnel. Debris remained in his yard for weeks. He filed a complaint with AT&T and the City Manager. Commissioner Krzysiak questioned the City's liability in this type of instance. City Attorney Need addressed easements and private property rights. He noted that the city could draft an ordinance requiring vendors to present ID when working on residents' private property. Commissioner Scott inquired about state identification requirements.

There was additional discussion later regarding the fact that the state has taken over cable provider regulations. Some of AT&T's contractors do present ID but some did not. Breuckman noted that the city is moving forward with mandating notice and identification before entering residents' property.

Mr. Craig Sias, 39 Fairwood, presented an idea for a music festival in Gainsboro Park. It would feature the Motor City Songbirds which is a group of women musicians and song writers. Bridget Deegan-Krause noted that the festival this year would be a fundraiser honoring the late Julie Sias. It is proposed that it could be an annual event that would also sponsor a scholarship. Commissioner Foreman inquired as to the date. Mr. Sias stated that the preferred date is September 30th. There was discussion regarding the short turn around time. Commissioner Krzysiak offered support.

Ms. Amanda Wahl, 3 Oxford, noted that the Pleasant Ridge Foundation will host a Meet the Foundation night on October 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center.

Governmental Reports

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, presented an update regarding the AT&T subcontractor issue on the east side of the city. There were many police calls regarding this issue. There were eleven automobile break ins overnight including windows broken while parked in driveways. They are looking for any video that may help identify the perpetrators.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Foreman reported on Ferndale Public Schools. He introduced Dania Basee, the new Superintendent. She discussed her history and her approach to education and community. Homecoming is October 6th.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The next meeting is October 23rd. They are considering a DDA gathering for the holidays.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. He requested that residents add photos and information to the files at the museum. The next meeting is October 6th.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on the Recreation Commission. He indicated that many recreation issues had already been discussed.

Consent Agenda

17-3324

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak to move Item 8e to 11a, second by Commissioner Scott, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

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

Ordinance regarding DAS/Small Cell/Wireless Facilities in Public Right of Way

City Manager Breuckman gave an overview regarding telecommunications and the need to expand capacity. Companies are locating smaller antennae on street lights in areas where traditional antennae are not possible. The city had no existing ordinance to allow the placement of the new small cell antennae. Commissioner Foreman inquired regarding the notification requirements. City Attorney Need addressed the need for an ordinance to establish a process, even if future antennae are denied. Commissioner Perry noted that the city already has adequate cell coverage but an ordinance should still be in place to address future issues. Commissioner Scott inquired whether the issue of vendor identification needed to be included within this ordinance. Commissioner Krzysiak noted that each application would still come to the full city commission for approval. There was discussion regarding the definition of a pole versus a tower. Companies have already approached the city to install these antennae.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:48 p.m. With no comments or discussion, he closed the public hearing at 8:49 p.m.

17-3325

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Foreman, to adopt the ordinance as presented.

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

Community Energy Management Plan Adoption

City Manager Breuckman noted that this issue has been discussed at prior meetings. Residents are largely supportive of the plan. The plan commits the city to reducing energy usage by 25% by the year 2020. He indicated that the city will achieve that goal and will then evaluate new goals for the future.

17-3326

Motion by Commissioner Foreman, second by Commissioner Perry, to adopt the Community Energy Management Plan.

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

Police Pension Millage Update

City Manager Breuckman noted that the Police Pension Millage will be on the November 7th ballot. Its purpose is to fund the currently underfunded police pensions that were agreed to many years ago. There will be a meeting to answer questions about the millage at 6:00 p.m. on September 26, 2017. There will be a second meeting on October 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Foreman noted that a survey of city residents indicated that supporting the police department was very important.

Resolution Regarding SEMREO Aggregate Solar Purchasing Initiative Participation

City Manager Breuckman discussed residents' desire to participate in a solar purchasing program. SEMREO has partnered with other vendors to provide a turnkey solution for residents that want to use solar energy. There is no commitment or cost to the city other than to publicize that it is a service that is being offered to residents. Residents are not required to use this vendor if they choose to install solar systems. Commissioner Krzysiak questioned the commitments or endorsements mentioned in the resolution. He commented about the need for wage standards for future employment possibilities that solar projects may provide.

17-3327

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Perry, to adopt the Resolution as presented.

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

City Manager's Report

City Manager Breuckman presented slides regarding cell antennae and solar panels on the Community Center. A solar energy survey is available for residents. The survey will provide input to the Planning Commission to help draft a new solar energy ordinance. The current ordinance prohibits any solar energy installation on the street side façade of any structure. The Planning Commission will be reviewing the results of the survey at the October 24 meeting.

The Gainsboro Park ponding issue has been addressed. The storm sewer system is 100 years old and needs to be redesigned to accommodate current rain accumulation. Gainsboro was designed to recycle the water back into the soil. This will take some of the pressure off the sewer system. An abandoned septic system was discovered at Flynn Field. The large, dead maple tree in Stevenson Park is scheduled to be removed this fall.

The Community Center park renovation project, largely sponsored by the Foundation, is underway. Work will begin soon on the patio project. The Hanover/Norwich project will be completed soon.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak noted that the book for September is *The Boys in the Boat*, an account of the Washington crew team at the Berlin Olympics. The October book is *The Little Paris Book Shop*. That meeting is October 11th at 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, September 19th, there will be a Roundtable regarding inclusion, being a Welcoming City and meeting new residents.

Mayor Metzger introduced the concept of a recycling challenge for communities that have newly participated in the single stream recycling system.

Commissioner Foreman noted that there was a new resident event in the past that was successful and could possibly be recreated during the winter months.

City Clerk Drealan noted that applications for absentee ballots are on the website. The final date to register for the November election is October 10th. New election equipment has been delivered.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 9:34 pm.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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