



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

**Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting
March 13, 2018**

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

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

Public Discussion

(None)

Introduction of Officer Gregory Hadfield

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, introduced the newest full-time police officer, Gregory Hadfield. He is originally from the area and has received a number of accolades throughout his career in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

Governmental Reports

State Representative Robert Wittenberg announced a town hall meeting to discuss how federal income tax changes will affect local residents. The meeting is March 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Berkley High School. There are also Community Conversations scheduled for April 16 at 2:00 p.m. in Royal Oak Township, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Berkley Public Library, and May 14 at 10:00 at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. He indicated that adequate school funding will be his focus for the current budget proposal. Fixing the roads is also a high priority. He is the Chair of the Gun Violence Prevention Caucus which began in 2016. He indicated that a "red flag" bill is being discussed which would allow family or law enforcement to petition a judge to seize weapons in the possession of a potentially dangerous person. This type of law has been passed in five other states.

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, noted that Officer Shelton attended and graduated from a special drunk/drugged driving educational program held in Lansing and Arizona. He supported stricter background checks for weapons purchase. He also noted that the lack of mental health hospitals contributes to the gun violence problem. There was discussion regarding privatizing community mental health which has been introduced as a pilot program.

2018 Pleasant Ridge City and Foundation Project

City Manager Breuckman made a presentation regarding the 2018 joint project including the City and the Pleasant Ridge Foundation. The project is to update the "big room" at the Community Center. The new outdoor patio was completed last year including outdoor lighting. Patrick Thompson, a Pleasant Ridge resident, will prepare the design. The plan is to add more glass and doors to open up the big room to the new patio. The project will also include a felt art piece that will provide some sound deadening. There are also plans to update the HVAC system with something quieter. Some funds will be provided from investment of the Parks and Recreation Fund. The auction will be held May 19. Tickets are available at pleasantryidgefoundation.org.

Ferndale Public Schools Update

Ms. Dania Bazzi, Ferndale Schools Superintendent, introduced some of the school system's teachers and administrative personnel and presented information regarding the school's strategic planning process. The current strategic plan expires at the end of this year. Most of the goals set in that plan were accomplished. One of the current goals is to dispel some myths regarding the school district. She indicated that participation in creating the new plan is essential to its success. There will be an input session on March 21st at the Ferndale Lower Elementary School. There is also a survey available on Facebook and the school's website. There will be a strategic planning work day on April 21st at Ferndale High School. Anyone interested in participating in the work day should contact the Superintendent's office. A former principal at Roosevelt, Deana Rocheleau, discussed her experiences and support for Ferndale Public Schools. Ms. Bazzi then discussed some of the myths that they will be working to dispel including student success, SAT/ACT scores, schools of choice and more. She encouraged people to focus on the data rather than the perceptions or beliefs. Opening night for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is March 17th. The Ferndale Education Foundation dinner will be April 27th at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Krzysiak commented on the strategic planning process and encouraged everyone to participate. Mayor Metzger expressed his support for the success of the entire school system.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The DDA held a special meeting on February 26th to hear presentations regarding updating the Woodward corridor. Breuckman noted that it will be a long and expensive project. State, federal and grant funding will need to be included to help fund the project. There was discussion regarding ongoing sidewalk repair. The next meeting is April 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. The museum will be open Saturday, March 17th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The next meeting will be April 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. The egg hunt and pancake breakfast is March 24th at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on Ferndale Public Schools. Two students who received the Superintendent's Excellence Award were honored at the February 26th school board meeting. The district received a grant to install new drinking fountains. The State of the District Scavenger Hunt will be held on March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda

18-3356

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Perry, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

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

Public Hearings for Amendments to City Ordinances

Mayor Metzger noted that there are four proposed amendments to be considered. All of these proposals have been discussed at previous meetings. City Manager Breuckman indicated that the first proposed amendment is necessary to create a penalty for repeated false alarms. The second proposed amendment addresses the issue of storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles. The third and fourth amendments are necessary to meet state law regarding OUI fines and cost recovery. City Attorney Need noted that the OUI fines are capped at \$700 by the Home Rule Act. There was discussion regarding the fact that cost recovery of OUI fines has already been enforced for many years. The recovered costs are used to reimburse the city for the time that officers are taken off the road to address drunk/drug driving cases.

Public Hearing - Chapter 14, Building and Building Regulations, Addition of Article VII - False Alarms

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:47 p.m.
With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:48 p.m.

18-3357

Motion by Commissioner Wahl, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the amendment to the ordinance as presented.

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

Public Hearing - Chapter 34, Nuisance, addition of new section (13) regarding storage of unlicensed automobiles

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:49 p.m.
With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:50 p.m.

18-3358

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the amendment to the ordinance as presented.

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

Public Hearing - Amendment to Chapter 70, Traffic, Section 70-21 regarding OUI cost recovery

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:51 p.m.

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

18-3359

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the amendment to the ordinance as presented.

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

Public Hearing - Amendment to Chapter 70, Traffic, Section 70-86 regarding Notice and Failure to Pay OUI cost recovery

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 8:53 p.m.

With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 8:54 p.m.

18-3360

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Wahl, to approve the amendment to the ordinance as presented.

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

2018 HMA Resurfacing Project Bid Award

City Manager Breuckman noted that Ridge, Indiana and Bermuda are the last three streets in the city that need rebuilt. Five bids were received. James P. Contracting was the low bidder at \$628,572 but their bid was non-responsive due to the lack of a certified check. It is recommended that the second low bid from Proline Asphalt be accepted in the amount of \$648,178.98. This amount is in line with what the engineers estimated and what has been budgeted. Bid options were proposed to narrow the three intersections. Adding these options would make the total bid \$703,702.98. The exact start date has not yet been established. Ridge must be completed while school is out. There will be a preconstruction meeting with residents prior to the start of the project. Commissioner Scott noted that there was some concern about the narrowing of the intersections and suggested having a public hearing before voting on the alternate bid proposals. It was noted that the testing that was done was four feet narrower than the proposed alternate bid project. The current proposal is to reduce the width of the intersections from 36 feet to 28 feet. Testing was done by setting cones at 24 feet which was deemed to be too narrow. Commissioner Krzysiak inquired whether there would be any affect to the health of the trees on Indiana. Breuckman noted that installation of asphalt impacts the trees less than concrete and that most of the curbs do not need to be repaired. Mayor Metzger suggested that they vote on the base project bid and put discussion and voting on the alternative bids onto the April agenda.

18-3361

Motion by Commissioner Wahl, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the award of the base project bid to Proline Asphalt as presented.

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

SEMCOG TAP Grant Letters of Support: Regional Bike Share Project

City Manager Breuckman noted Pleasant Ridge does not participate in the local bike share projects but is only being asked to provide letters of support for the applications. There was a presentation regarding Ferndale's participation in the Bike Hub and Detroit's MoGo projects. Given that Pleasant Ridge is primarily residential, the cost of participation outweighs the benefits. If successful the regional hub launch could happen in the spring of 2019. Mayor Metzger noted that Pleasant Ridge can join the project later.

Ferndale is also seeking support for a TAP Grant to upgrade the bike lanes and add sidewalks at Woodward Heights.

18-3362

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Wahl, to approve the letters of support as presented and forward them to Ferndale for inclusion in their grant applications.

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

Resolution in Support of the March of Our Lives Event, March 24, 2018

Mayor Metzger noted that a similar resolution was passed by Royal Oak and their letter was brought to the attention of Pleasant Ridge by Commissioners Krzysiak and Wahl. Commissioner Krzysiak discussed concerns regarding escalating gun violence. Mayor Metzger read the resolution into the record. Commissioners Perry and Scott noted that citizens should contact all congressmen, not just the ones that represented their own jurisdictions.

18-3363

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Perry, to approve the resolution as presented.

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

City Manager's Report

(None)

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak noted that the March book is *Unconventional Leadership*, by Nancy Schlichting, the CEO of Henry Ford Health System. The April book is *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, a novel by Jamie Ford. The meeting will be April 11th.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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