



**Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting
June 12, 2018**

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

Ms. Jessica Herzig, 1 Sylvan, expressed concerns regarding the traffic flow through the alleyways. The situation may be made work due to the construction. She would like the city to consider slower speed limit signs on the alleyways. Unless otherwise posted the speed limit in the alleyways is 25 miles per hour which seems to be too high. She is suggesting posting a 15 mile per hour limit.

Commissioner Krzysiak asked for confirmation that the speed limit in the alleys is 25 miles per hour. Chief Nowak confirmed that it is 25 miles per hour unless posted differently. He also confirmed that the speed in the alleys is a frequent complaint received by the department. There was discussion that travelling that fast in the alleys does seem dangerous. Mayor Metzger indicated that the city intended to follow up on this issue.

Governmental Reports

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, noted that the Memorial Day service went well. The department is addressing issues of tall grass in some lawns. The ordinance indicates that grass or weeds cannot exceed eight inches tall. Residents cannot put their trash out before 6:00 p.m. the night before pickup. He noted that they are also watching for recreational vehicles that are left on property longer than the ordinance allows. There was discussion regarding the need to put all trash in cans or approved containers.

Assistant City Manager Pietrzak confirmed that the speed limit in the alleyways is 25 miles per hour by default but can be lowered in business districts to 15 miles per hour. Sergeant Reid also confirmed that the speed limit is 25 miles per hour if the alley is paved or graveled. Chief Nowak indicated his willingness to work on a traffic control order to lower the speed limit in the alleys. There was discussion regarding enforcement of the stop sign at Woodward Heights during the construction project.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on Ferndale Public Schools. Jayla Pierce, the University High School Board Liaison, will be attending MSU in the fall. The Superintendent's Excellence Award went to Ammar Younes, a fourth grader at FUEL with excellent leadership skills. The Eagle of the Month award went to Liz Gillispie who created the University High School Food Bank. Board Member Jim O'Donnell's Point of Pride recognition went to the Progressive Youth Association who have taken a proactive role in addressing gun violence. Ferndale Middle School has a project called "Six Principles to Create a Culture of Thinking." Ted Zachary presented his reclaimed windmill project that has previously been discussed at the last city commission meeting. FHS Senior Max Weber received the Lloyd and Laurie Carr Scholarship from UofM. FUEL teacher Heather Williams received the Regional Collaboration Network Leadership Award. Mayor Metzger noted that the Superintendent and two school board members attended the Memorial Day ceremony.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. They did not meet in June. The next meeting is July 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. He noted that the Home and Garden Tour was very successful. The next meeting will be in September.

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. They will meet on June 27 at 7:00 p.m. There were a record-breaking number of patrons at the pool over Memorial Day weekend. She presented a summary of the various groups that use the pool. The Commission will be updating their master plan. Residents are encouraged to participate.

Consent Agenda

18-3372

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Public Hearing - Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Combined City Budget and Millage Rates

City Manager Breuckman referred to the full presentation that was given last month and noted that the none of the information presented has changed. The city millage rate will be decreasing slightly. The broad financial status of the city is stable. Increased contributions to the police pension fund will begin this year.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

18-3373

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Wahl, to approve the 2018-2019 combined city budget and millage rates as presented.

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

2018-2022 Police Patrol Contract

City Manager Breuckman noted that the current five-year contract expires on June 30. A new four-year contract has been negotiated that would begin on July 1, 2018 and expire June 30, 2022. Some amendments have been made regarding health care and retirement benefits. The balance of the contract remains basically the same as previous contracts. Police wages were adjusted upward slightly based on comparisons with surrounding departments.

Commissioner Krzysiak stated that the contract covers four current employees. The Chief and Sergeant Reid are at will and there are two other part-time employees. He expressed concern that some of the special provisions that would apply to the officers in the contract with regard to counseling and other services in the event of a police shooting or other catastrophe would apply to the other members of the department as well. Breuckman indicated that they would apply. He noted that there are departmental policies that cover all officers whether they are part of the contract or not. Krzysiak again expressed his support for a defined benefit plan.

Commissioner Perry inquired as to the officers' position on the contract. Breuckman indicated that the union has already voted to ratify this contract.

18-3374

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Perry, to approve the 2018-2022 Police Patrol Contract as presented and to authorize the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney to sign the agreement.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Wahl, Scott, Mayor Metzger
 Nays: Krzysiak

City Manager's Report

Breuckman presented an update on the road construction projects. He indicated that the work on Indiana and Bermuda is progressing and that the Sylvan/Indiana intersection should be open soon. The Ridge and Millington intersection will be closed soon. There was discussion regarding the detour routes that will be available as construction progresses. Krzysiak discussed flow restrictions and water ponding on the streets. He inquired about the street sweeping efforts. Breuckman noted that the city has entered into a new contract for street sweeping. The quality is good but the schedule has been erratic. The plan is to have the streets swept the second Monday of every month but sometimes the weather intervenes. This makes it difficult to order cars off the street to allow for better sweeping. Commissioner Scott inquired as to how often the new trees should be watered. Breuckman noted that if the weather is cool or damp, no additional watering is necessary. When the weather is hot and

dry, residents should consider watering once or twice a week. The best way to determine if the tree needs water is to dig down into the soil and see if it is moist. If it is, no watering is necessary. Mayor Metzger inquired as to the best way to mulch around the trees: donut versus volcano. Breuckman indicated that the trees do not have volcano mulching because the mulch does not go up the trunk of the tree. He did note, however, that the rings of mulch have grown up over time and will be pulled back farther away from the trees in the future.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak noted that the June book is *The Leisure Seeker*, by Michael Zadoorian. The meeting is June 13 at 7:00 p.m. He announced a rally for The March for Stolen Children, Thursday, June 14 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Detroit. The purpose is to protest the issues surrounding the separation of families along the Mexican border.

City Clerk Drealan noted that the Home and Garden Tour sold 300 tickets and made approximately \$4500.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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