



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting
August 14, 2018**

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

Present: Commissioners, Perry, Scott, Wahl, Mayor Metzger
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman, City Clerk Drealan
Absent: Commissioner Krzysiak

Chariot Presentation

Wyatt Tennant displayed a Powerpoint presentation regarding the Chariot ride service program. The proposed launch date is September 20, 2018. There will be some pop-up routes around specific events before that launch date. A proposed route servicing Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge was presented. Tennant noted that the route can be changed based on demand. The current hours of operation are 4:00 p.m. to midnight, Thursday through Saturday. A second Chariot will be put into service for the peak hours of 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. which would mean riders would see a Chariot approximately every 15 minutes. The app will show exactly where the Chariot is on the route and the expected time of arrival. Downloading the app is free to community members. Individuals will not be turned away even if they have not downloaded the app. The app also allows you to reserve a seat on the Chariot. Preference will be given to riders that have checked in on the app and received a boarding pass. Chariot owns its own vans and hires its own drivers. They provide 24/7 customer service which also includes lost and found. Chariot vans are equipped with security cameras.

Erin Cooper discussed the marketing plan for the program. She noted that using the app will also give riders notifications of route changes and upcoming events. Representatives will be at the pool promoting the program. Chariots will be available for Arts, Beats and Eats and other events. There was discussion regarding adding some stops in certain shopping districts. There is a meeting with the SMART marketing managers to discuss cross-promoting and support. The app is expected to go live by August 24th.

Public Discussion

Mr. Tom Treuter, 11 Oakland Park, noted that the Little Free Library is back and needs children's books to be donated. The new box is larger than the last one and is painted with a starry night theme.

Governmental Reports

Sgt. Robert Ried, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, reminded citizens to lock their cars. He noted that almost all thefts from vehicles involve an unlocked car.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. The kit house meeting was well attended and a great success. The next commission meeting will be on September 5th.

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. Family Fun Night at the pool is August 31st. Floaties will be allowed. The pool closes September 3rd.

Commissioner Perry reported on Ferndale Public Schools. FPS received advanced education accreditation. There are several events scheduled welcoming students back to school. The events are listed at ferndaleschools.org/welcomeback. The website also lists the dates of the next school board meetings.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The commission met on July 23rd. The Chariot program was discussed. There was also discussion regarding the banner program along Woodward including discussion as to whether the program should be continued. The next meeting is October 22nd.

Consent Agenda

18-3378

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

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

Community Center Renovation Bid Award

City Manager Breuckman indicated that three bids were received. The low bid was for \$136,069 from Usztan LLC, Auburn Hills, Michigan. The same contractor built the pool and other projects throughout the city. The bid amount is within expected parameters. Work is expected to begin by early September and be completed by the end of October. The facility will be open for the November general elections. Pietrzak noted that there would be no room rentals during the construction period and that the kitchen is included in the renovations. Scott encouraged residents to visit Axle Brewing which used the same designer and is a Pleasant Ridge resident.

18-3379

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to award the bid for the Community Center Big Room Renovation to Usztan LLC in the amount of \$136,069.

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

City Manager's Report

Breckman noted that all roads have been reconstructed and are again open. There are plans to improve the Woodward/Oakland Park/Sylvan intersection to make it easier to cross. The city's website will be upgraded soon.

Other Business

Mayor Metzger indicated that the next book club meeting will be September 12th and the book is "1968."

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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