



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

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**Regular City Commission Meeting and Public Hearing  
February 12, 2019**

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

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

**Public Discussion**

(None)

**Governmental Reports**

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, discouraged residents from pushing snow into the street. There was discussion regarding power outages throughout the city due to the weather.

**City Commission Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on Ferndale Public Schools. Ferndale School Board met on January 15, 2019. The Superintendent's Excellence Award went to Duwan Pratt at University High. The Eagle of the Month went to Cindy Burns. The Building Pride Award went to the UHS Teacher Leadership and Leadership for All program. The FUEL Spelling Bee Champion was Brooke Malone and the Middle School Champion was Peter Krause, who defended his previous championship. The Ferndale High School wrestling team won the district championship for the first time in 20 years. Rep. Wittenberg visited FUEL and discussed political involvement and how state government works. The planning meeting for the Diversity Committee is scheduled for February 13th. Their email contact is ferndaleschoolsdiversity@gmail.com. CASA Open House will be March 19th. The next school board meeting is Monday, February 25th.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. Officers were selected for the upcoming year: Thomas Treuter remains the Chairperson, Kevin McCutcheon continues as Vice Chair, and Christy McCullough is the Secretary. Alex Bellick was welcomed as a new Commissioner. He works in the Planning Department for the City of Troy and is an adjunct professor at Wayne State. The Commission discussed the traffic calming manual and unanimously approved presenting it to the City Commission. The DDA created a budget subcommittee. The next meeting will be April 22nd.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. The museum will be open on Saturday and information has been added to many of the files. The next meeting is March 6th.

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. The Commission welcomed three new members. There is a 50+ trip on February 27th to Little Caesar's Arena including lunch. March 7th is St. Patrick's Day Bingo. The next meeting is March 27th at 6:30 p.m. The Pleasant Ridge Foundation Auction will be May 18th. Tickets will be \$40 through the month of February by going to [pleasantridgefoundation.org](http://pleasantridgefoundation.org). Tickets at the door will cost \$60. The Foundation is considering sponsoring the lighting at Gainsboro Park. There was discussion regarding blocks preparing baskets for auction including creating a trophy for the winning block.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **19-3401**

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

### **Traffic Calming Manual**

Breuckman discussed the meetings that were held to discuss the manual with residents. The Planning Commission has recommended approval for adopting the manual. Some clarifications were made regarding how residents on the local streets can request traffic calming measures. At least 50% of the households on a street would have to sign a petition requesting the city to make changes. The city would then present available options. Testing of those options would be conducted at the city's expense. The residents would then decide what changes they want to make permanent and an assessment would be levied to the households on that street. There was discussion regarding potential for the city creating a matching fund to help offset the costs of any approved changes. Decisions regarding any potential matching funds would be made on a yearly basis. Krzysiak discussed the costs of various options. He expressed his concerns about issuing a special assessment to only one street. There was discussion regarding how funds would be distributed if multiple projects were involved. Krzysiak recommended reviewing the budget for any potentially available fund before any street was assessed for traffic calming improvements. Scott noted that funds could be set aside to address issues of concern to residents that are outside the scope of the traffic calming data that has been collected. Metzger noted that the sidewalks need to be repaired first before additional traffic calming measures are implemented. Breuckman indicated that there would be sufficient time throughout any traffic calming planning and implementation cycle to address any budget issues.

#### **19-3402**

Motion by Commissioner Wahl, second by Commissioner Perry, to approve the Traffic Calming Manual as presented.

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

### **Discussion Regarding Limits on Fireworks Ordinance**

Breuckman presented an overview prepared by Need discussing the changes at the state level regarding local fireworks regulation. Breuckman prepared a table showing the changes to the state law and how they would affect the local ordinance. Under the new state law general fireworks use must be allowed on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Municipalities can allow fireworks use on more days if they choose. The time limitations are from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m.,

with an extension to 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Day. Need discussed some of the other changes such as locations for temporary sales of fireworks. The fine increased from \$500 to \$1000 for which \$500 is dedicated to local law enforcement.

**19-3403**

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Perry, to direct City Administration to prepare an ordinance to amend Chapter 42, Section 42-97 - Fireworks to include the changes to the allowed dates as required by state law.

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

**Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act**

Breuckman requested guidance from the Commission regarding preparation of a new ordinance. He presented three options. First, plan for a public input process including surveys and a possible town hall meeting. One issue with this approach is that there are still many questions that cannot be answered at this time. The second option would be to opt in which would mean creating ordinances that would allow marijuana establishments to be located in the city. The third option would be to opt out and create ordinances that would prohibit marijuana establishments in the city. Breuckman noted that any ordinance could be revisited in the future once more information and experience have been gathered. Metzger inquired how long it would take to prepare an ordinance to opt out. Breuckman noted that that could be done very quickly. The other two options would take more time. There was discussion as to how other cities are approaching this decision. Krzysiak noted that, through an MML podcast, participants were informed that the Governor is moving towards a June deadline for the state regulations rather than waiting until December. He discussed the survey issued by the City of Berkley. He indicated he would like to receive input from the state and the residents before opting out. Wahl indicated support for having a town hall meeting but expressed concern about the timing of that meeting. There was general discussion about the options, community input and the ability to change courses in the future. There was also discussion regarding potential tax revenues and potential litigation. Chief Nowak indicated that many communities are waiting to see what their neighboring communities decide to do. He expressed safety concerns about allowing these establishments in the city. Perry noted that the city has been intentionally slow in allowing these kinds of businesses, focusing instead on issues like parks and traffic safety. Breuckman also noted the extremely small size of the city compared to some of its neighbors which limits the locations that these businesses could even consider going without overextending parking onto the residential streets. Scott noted that, because of the city's size and lack of commercial parking, the commission would be having this discussion for any type of new business. He indicated he was in favor of opting out while the public comment process moves forward and then potentially opting in once all the information has been collected. There was discussion that not opting out means the city has opted into whatever system the state puts in place. Scott noted that there are six kinds of businesses established by this Act, each with different potential impacts on the city.

**19-3404**

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Wahl, to direct City Administration to send out a survey and schedule a town hall meeting to solicit public comments regarding regulating marijuana establishments in the city.

Adopted:                      Yeas: Commissioners Krzysiak, Scott, Mayor Metzger

Nays: Wahl, Perry

**Opt-out Ordinance**

Krzysiak indicated that the Commission does not have enough information and that opting out is not necessary at this time. Scott noted that no long term decision has been made, just the decision to put things on hold while more information is gathered. Wahl and Perry were expecting a combined motion but agreed that the two motions have the same effect.

**19-3405**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, for the City Administration to draft an ordinance opting out of the state's Marihuana Act for the Commission to consider.

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

**City Manager's Report**

(None)

**Other Business**

Perry noted that there are several scholarship opportunities. Those interested should see the winter edition of the Ridger, online or at their high school.

Krzysiak indicated that the February book is *The Underground Railroad*, by Evelyn Millstein. The author will be at the meeting.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

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Mayor Kurt Metzger

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Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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