



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

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**Regular City Commission Meeting and Public Hearing  
June 11, 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  
Absent: None

**Addition to the Agenda**

**19-3423**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to add a public hearing as item #13 on the agenda.

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

**Public Discussion**

Mayor Metzger noted the success of the Centennial Anniversary party held on June 7, 2019.

**Governmental Reports**

Chief Jack Pasha, Ferndale Fire Department, noted that approximately 12 homes have signed up for inspection. He recommended that grills be at least 15 feet from anything combustible. New air packs have been ordered that are lighter weight and longer lasting than the ones being replaced. They are also equipped with thermal imaging masks.

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, commented on the send off dinner for former Fire Chief Sullivan. He noted that the warmer weather has brought an increase in larcenies from primarily unlocked automobiles. He recommended closing ground floor windows and placing valuables out of sight. There have been a number of complaints regarding high grass. Two PR officers were involved in a barricaded gunman situation in Ferndale. He commented on the expertise and equipment provided by Oakland County SWAT.

**City Commission Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on Ferndale Public Schools. Zoe Butters discussed the FHS graduation and noted that many members of the track team went to the state finals. Sydney Embry from UHS mentioned the Senior Talent and Awards Show and their successful Prom Night. It was her last meeting due to her graduating and she thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as

liaison. Both liaisons were presented gifts by the President of the School Board, Jackie Heart. The Superintendent's Excellence Awards were presented to Lucy Davisson, FUEL; Wonare Burde, FMS; and Cameron Khan, FHS. The Eagle of the Month was presented to Alex Shamaoun of UHS. The Strategic Planning Working Group will make recommendations at the June 17th School Board meeting. There was discussion regarding the state's NEOLA Policy 2410 which prohibits referral or assistance of abortion services or lose school funding. The policy was approved despite strong opposition out of concern for losing the state funding. He recommended contacting local lawmakers to encourage having the policy reversed. It was an excellent year for sports at FHS. There was a comprehensive report of end of year activities at each school including graduations, awards and scholarships. Detailed information is available on the website.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The next meeting will be June 24th.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. He applauded the Historical Commission display at the Centennial Celebration. There will be a presentation regarding how to research historic homes on August 8th. The Home and Garden Tour will be September 21st.

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. The monthly movie will be June 13th. Water aerobics classes begin June 15th. Camp begins June 17th. The first home swim meet is June 17th. Adult swim also begins on June 17th. The complete pool schedule can be found online. Fall youth soccer registration begins July 1st. The next meeting is July 31st.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **19-3424**

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

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

### **Fiscal Year 2019-20 Combined City Budget and Millage Rates**

Budget details were presented at the last meeting.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.

With no comments or discussion, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 7:59 p.m.

Krzysiak noted that the proposed budget meets goals established for maintenance of the fund balance. He also acknowledged that the proposed budget includes support for Ferndale Youth Assistance and FernCare. It also includes funds to build a pavilion in Gainsboro Park. He also discussed the previously approved changes in pension funding.

#### **19-3425**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Wahl, to approve the 2019-20 Combined City Budget and to adopt the millage resolution as presented.

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

**2019 Concrete Pavement Repair Program Bid**

Breuckman noted that the city undertakes a concrete repair project every few years. The last project was three years ago. One bid was received in the amount of \$110,525 which was slightly higher than the engineer's estimate from the company who performed the work last time. There was discussion regarding the timing of the sidewalk repair project which is separate from the pavement project. Krzysiak inquired whether Amherst could be repaired first due to ongoing sewer repairs on that street. There was discussion regarding Consumers Energy's responsibilities for repairing any damage that results from their project.

**19-3426**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to award the bid for 2019 concrete pavement repair to Hartwell Cement Company in the amount of \$110,525.

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

**Ballot Language for the November 5, 2019 General Election Regarding a Library Services Millage**

Breuckman noted that the existing library millage is expiring this year. The proposed language would authorize a renewal of up to 0.5 mills for five years. Renewal of the contract with Huntington Woods would also be necessary. Currently approximately 0.38 mills is actually used to support the contract. The balance is included as an emergency buffer against fluctuating property values.

**19-3427**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the library services ballot language as presented.

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

**Agreement for Library Services Between the City of Huntington Woods and the City of Pleasant Ridge**

Breuckman noted that contract with Huntington Woods for library services is also expiring and needs to be renewed along with the millage supporting it. Changes in costs for library services is tied to inflation. This is the only change from the existing contract. Staff is recommending extending the contract. The cost of library services under the contract is approximately \$20 per person while the average in Oakland County is approximately \$50 per person. The HW library is part of the broader library network that provides reciprocal services throughout the region. Pleasant Ridge has contract with Huntington Woods for library services for the last 15 years. Renewal of the contract is contingent on the successful renewal of the millage. Krzysiak expressed support for the contract and the programming provided by the library. Metzger noted that the millage to join Ferndale library would be seven times greater than the current cost.

**19-3428**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to approve the five-year library services contract with the City of Huntington Woods as presented.

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

### **MDEQ Streetscape Grant Update**

Breuckman noted that the city received a \$608,000 grant from the state for streetscape improvements along Woodward. The improvements will be made on the east side of Woodward. The DDA pledged a local match of \$400,000. The project will include a system for storm water infiltration. The project will take many months to complete partly due to the application processing time necessary at both the state and federal levels. Groundbreaking may begin in 2020 but 2021 or 2022 are more likely. PR was awarded the second highest grant in the state for these projects and it was the only grant awarded for a cityscape. Other projects throughout the state include wetlands and beach reclamation. PR hopes to be the leader to showcase what other urban areas can achieve with these grants. Krzysiak inquired regarding how the existing tree canopy would be affected. Breuckman noted that the plan is to preserve as many existing trees as possible. There was discussion regarding other projects that would address crosswalks, bike paths, etc. The project would not affect existing parking along Woodward.

### **Establish a Public Hearing on July 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. to Consider Condemnation of the Property Commonly Known as 38 Kensington, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069.**

Breuckman indicated that a tree fell on the house located at 38 Kensington and the damage has not been repaired. Some permits had been pulled but have expired. If the homeowner does not respond to the proposed condemnation, the city could then demolish the structure. The city would not take ownership of the property. The property owner would be notified and given an opportunity to establish deadlines for completion of the repairs.

### **19-3429**

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Perry, to schedule a public hearing on July 9, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. to solicit public comments to consider condemnation of the property commonly known as 38 Kensington, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069.

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

Closed session commenced at 8:40 p.m. Commission meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

### **City Manager's Report**

Metzger introduced discussion regarding the planning process for a bike path project. Breuckman indicated that only a protected bike lane on Woodward would be acceptable. He noted that the traffic situation north of 696 is very different than south of that freeway. Other communities have established bike lanes but making them fully useable requires a cohesive network. They are still very early in the study and planning process.

### **Other Business**

Krzysiak indicated that the June Book Club book is *Japanese Lover*. The book for July is *Where the Crawdad Sings*. Scott suggested raising the Rainbow flag for the month of June in future years. There was discussion regarding the best location for the flag. Drealan noted that two city commission seats will be open on the November general election ballot. Nominating petitions are available at the city clerk's office until they are due on July 23rd at 4:00 p.m.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Mayor Kurt Metzger

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Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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