

# Regular City Commission Meeting September 10, 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

## Public Discussion

(None)

## **Governmental Reports**

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, noted that the Dream Cruise went well. He reminded everyone of the times when children are being picked up now that school is back in session. Drivers should avoid the area of the school during those times, if possible, to help alleviate the congestion. He reminded residents to lock their cars, homes and garages. There have been numerous complaints about the traffic on Woodward Heights. Drivers that don't live on that street are encouraged to use an alternate route. Breuckman indicated that the project is planned to go through November. He noted that the city's plans for traffic calming tests may need to be delayed until spring.

Captain John Theut, Ferndale Fire Department, reported that the department enjoyed participating in the city's 100-year celebration.

City Manager Breuckman introduced Shawnie Stamper as the permanent Recreation Director, and Greg Callbeck, the new Assistant Recreation Director. Callbeck came from the Troy Parks and Recreation Department. He will be receiving training as a certified pool operator.

# City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. The September 19 monthly movie will be Rocketman. Flu shots will be available Thursday, October 3rd from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be a DIA tour that day as well. Youth trip to Cedar Point is Saturday, October 19th. Toddler Halloween Party is Saturday, October 26th. The Halloween Hayride is the same day from 3:30 to 5:30 at Gainsboro Park. Residents can email Callbeck at gcallbeck@cityofpleasantridge.org by 10/20 to register for Halloween House Decorating Contest. Over 300 people attended the 100 year celebration.

Commissioner Krzysiak reported on Ferndale Public Schools. The bond survey is important to the formation of the bond ballot question for 2020. The bond proposal will be an extension of the current

bond with the goal to raise \$125 million over six years. Questions regarding the future of Roosevelt Elementary and CASA will also be part of the survey. The survey can be found at the ferndaleschools.org website. There will be a union construction apprenticeship night on Tuesday, October 1st at Ferndale High School from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Ferndale Schools is launching a new communications system that includes a social media dashboard. The Education Foundation dinner and auction will be held at the PR Recreation Center on September 14th.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The next meeting will be September 23rd. It will be a special meeting to consider an application from the Whistlestop to expand their dining room.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. The Home and Garden Tour will be September 21st. Currently eight houses are registered to be shown. The PR Then and Now Committee has been working to update the Then and Now Book. He indicated that there are three streets for which they would like to get more information and photos from long-time residents. Those streets are Kensington, Millington and Woodward Heights. He reported that the 100-year commemorative tiles are in. They are 4x6 inch green tiles and sell for \$50. Only 100 have been ordered. Sixty-three have been sold. Frames can also be ordered for \$100.

## Consent Agenda

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

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

## City Manager's Report

Breuckman noted that renovation of the commission chambers is scheduled to begin on September 11th. The October meeting will be held at Four Ridge. They will not be able to broadcast the meeting on cable but will livestream it on the YouTube channel. The September Planning Commission meeting will be held in the conference room.

## Other Business

Krzysiak noted that the book for September 18th is *Where the Crawdads Sing*. There will be a second book called *Our Crowd: The Great Jewish Families of New York*. The book for October is *Jazz* by Toni Morrison. The club is open to suggestions for future books.

Scott noted that advance tickets for the Home and Garden Tour are available.

Drealan reported on the upcoming election. Two city commission seats will be on the ballot along with a library millage renewal. There is also a renewal millage for Oakland Community College. Absentee ballots will be available soon. Anyone can apply to vote absentee. New e-poll books will be used for the first time in this election.

Metzger congratulated Dave Coulter as the new Oakland County Executive and Dan Martin who will serve out his term as Mayor.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Drealan, City Clerk

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