



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting
February 11, 2020**

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

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

Public Discussion

Melissa Smithmauer, Ferndale High School Drama Director, stated that the spring musical will be "She Loves Me." Cast members performed some selections from the show. Kim Schroeder, Ferndale Music Director, provided accompaniment.

Ted Zachary, 68 Devonshire, Pleasant Ridge Environmental Committee, noted that Earth Day is April 22nd. He is working with the Recreation Director to present the movie "Gamechangers" that day. Wahl suggested also showing "Wall-E" for the children. He discussed some of the negative effects of firework displays. He also suggested neighbors joining together for collective trash disposal to potentially cut down on gas used by garbage trucks.

Kristy Stoll, 126 Cambridge, discussed the upcoming Ferndale Public Schools bond proposals. She focused on the proposed upgrades for the robotics and STEAM programs.

Dania Bazzi, Superintendent Ferndale Public Schools, also discussed the bond millage proposal that will be on the upcoming March 10th ballot. Jamie Stottlemeyer, Ferndale Public Schools Maintenance Supervisor, discussed plans to build a new elementary school and repurpose Roosevelt for the CASA programs. He also discussed the upgrades to the music rooms and auditoriums. More information can be found at ferndaleforward.com.

Governmental Reports

Chief Jack Pesha, Ferndale Fire Department, announced that there is a new Fire Marshall, Dennis Barr. He discussed responses to two recent fires and a hazmat situation. Year-to-date there have been 30 fire fatalities throughout the state. Most homes still do not have smoke detectors installed. He noted that smoke alarms are available through the department. A public service announcement video is being created. There was discussion regarding the best types and proper use of fire extinguishers. He recommended extinguishers with an aluminum neck.

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, indicated that the police and fire departments are planning a Safety Day on May 7th. He noted that IRS scams are on the increase. He encouraged people to file early and reiterated that the IRS does not ask for money or gift cards on the telephone. Some package thieves are leaving the package but removing the contents.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Budnik reported on Ferndale Public Schools. He noted that the first Black Excellence Celebration is scheduled for February 26th at UHS. A Special Education Resource Fair will be held on March 11th and the Wayne State Engineering Fair on February 22nd.

Commissioner Perry reported on the Planning Commission/DDA. The January meeting focused on organizational issues. The next meeting will be on April 27th.

Commissioner Scott reported on the Historical Commission. There was no commission meeting in February but there was a workshop to organize the museum. They are also currently editing the Pleasant Ridge Then and Now book. Next meeting is March 4th.

Commissioner Wahl reported on the Recreation Commission. 140 people attended the Academy Awards event. Computer classes are scheduled for March 3rd. The cost is \$15 per class. The 50+ day trip on March 12th will be a DSO Tour. Community Blood Drive is set for March 18th. Registration for swim team and day camp begins March 16th. Applications for summer employment are due by April 12th. The next meeting will be April 29th.

Consent Agenda

20-3456

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

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

Quiet Title Action Regarding Parcel #25-27-178-030 in Ferndale

City Attorney Need noted that Pleasant Ridge owns a small parcel of land in the City of Ferndale. This parcel is Lot 148 in Sylvan Gardens and includes the boundary line between the two cities. 39 feet of the parcel is in Pleasant Ridge and 11 feet is in Ferndale. The Pleasant Ridge portion is privately owned but there is a question as to who owns the Ferndale portion. It appears to have been left off the tax rolls since the 1940s and Pleasant Ridge is listed in county records as the owner. The property owners have filed a quiet title action to clarify ownership of the Ferndale portion. If successful, the circuit court would order the two parcels to be consolidated under one owner. Need recommends that the consent judgment supporting that order be approved.

20-3457

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Wahl, to approve the consent judgment and authorize the city attorney to sign the judgment.

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

Planning Commission/DDA Appointment

20-3458

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, to appoint Jay Carroll to the Planning Commission/DDA for a full term expiring on December 31, 2022.

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

Recreation Commission Appointments

20-3459

Motion by Commissioner Wahl, second by Commissioner Perry, to appoint Jill Lamphier and Corey Truesdell to full terms expiring on December 31, 2022, and Samantha Sharp to a partial term expiring on December 31, 2021.

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

City Manager's Report

Breuckman noted that the deadline for the spring tree planting program is February 13th. In honor of their bicentennial Oakland County is offering oak tree saplings to county residents. The city will be receiving both white and burr oaks to be placed in the parks.

Other Business

Allison noted that the presidential primary election will be March 10th. There are also three proposals on the ballot: renewal of the DIA millage, and the two school millages. Absentee ballot applications are available on the website. Absentee ballots will also be available at city hall on Saturday, March 7th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ballots can also be obtained on Monday, March 9th but they would need to be completed at city hall that day. The next city commission meeting will be March 17th due to the election. Sample ballots are online and at city hall.

Wahl indicated that the Foundation auction will be May 16th. Early bird tickets are available through March 31st at a cost of \$40. Perry discussed the block party gift baskets. Wine donations are also needed for the wall of wine. Proceeds go toward building the pavilions at the pool and park.

Metzger discussed this year's federal census. People will be able to respond online, by phone or by filling out a form. The city will host an information session on March 30th.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk
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