



**Regular City Commission Meeting
September 8, 2020**

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

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

Public Discussion

Lisa Mueller, 37 Sylvan, requests the City Commission review the dog barking ordinance. Would like clarification of the terms and would like time frames included. Believes police resources have been wasted responding to some dog barking complaints. Mayor Metzger commented over the last six months there have been six calls regarding dog barking, four of them from the same individual regarding Ms. Mueller's dog, would like other ordinances researched. Breuckman stated noise ordinances are regulated, animals cannot necessarily be regulated, the dog barking ordinance is discretionary and up to the police officer responding to the call. Need stated he could compile ordinances from other communities and report back at the next meeting. Chief Nowak stated there are very few complaints, the officers respond to the area and listen for barking, many times the dogs are quiet, there is no action, if the dog is actively barking, the officers knock and make contact with the owner or leave a notice at the property if the owner is not home. Susie Sherman-Hall, 63 Maywood, was not aware about the ordinance as it is currently written, feels that the ordinance is vague and should be reviewed.

Governmental Reports

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, in August Ferndale had five smoking related fires. Crime has remained low, with one larceny from an auto, be aware of leaf piles when parking in the street as they can be a fire hazard. Political lawn signs have been stolen recently,

Shawnie Stamper, Recreation Director, wellness center opens 9/9. Need to sign up for time blocks. Guidelines are posted on the website. Contact the Community Center with questions. Reservations cannot be cancelled online, contact the Community Center to cancel.

James Breuckman, Gainsboro Park pavilion construction will begin soon. Plans for the pavilion will be available online or at City Hall. The Pool pavilion is almost complete.

Consent Agenda

20-3470

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

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

Establishing public hearings Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 7:30pm

20-3471

Motion by Commissioner Perry second by Commissioner Scott, that public hearings be scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. to solicit public comments on the following ordinance amendments to the Pleasant Ridge City Code:

- a. Ordinance to amend Chapter 14 – Building and Building Regulations, Article I – In General by the addition of new Sections, Section 14-2 – Portable Toilets, Section 14-3 – Dumpster Use Regulations, and Section 14-4 – Construction Materials Regulations,
- b. Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 – Utilities, Article III – Sewers, Division 3 – Use, Section 74-197 – Prohibited Discharges, and
- c. Ordinance to amend Chapter 74 – Utilities, Article II – Water, Division 4 – Cross Connections, Section 74-114 – Adoption of State Regulations, Section 74-115 – Inspections, and Section 74-116 – Testing.

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

Woodward Heights Traffic Calming

Discussion was held regarding the traffic calming test measures that have been in place during the summer. Public comments were made by, Benito Uresti, 72 Woodward Heights, Robert Koch, 77 Woodward Heights, Richard Burr, 48 Woodward Heights, Susan Tompor, 48 Woodward Heights, Suusannah Feinstein, 50 Woodward Heights, Mindy Schwartz, 47 Woodward Heights, Leslie Edwards, 82 Woodward Heights, Susie Sherman-Hall, 63 Maywood, Jay Foreman, 60 Oakdale, Commissioners Perry, Scott, Wahl, Mayor Metzger, Chief Nowak and Manager Brueckman.

Entrance pinch point at the Woodward alley

20-3472

Motion by Commissioner Perry second by Commissioner Wahl that the City Commission direct staff to begin the process to implement the installation of a permanent entrance pinch point at the Woodward alley/Woodward Heights Blvd intersection

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

Indiana Corner bumpouts

20-3473

Motion by Commissioner Scott second by Commissioner Perry that the City Commission direct staff to not implement permanent corner bumpouts at the Indiana Ave/Woodward Heights Blvd intersection and that intersection remain unchanged.

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

Bermuda (S) speed hump

20-3474

Motion by Commissioner Scott second by Commissioner Wahl that the City Commission direct staff to not install a permanent speed hump at the Bermuda-South/Woodward Heights Blvd intersection and that intersection remain unchanged.

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

Bermuda (N) stop sign

20-3475

Motion by Commissioner Perry second by Commissioner Scott that the City Commission direct staff to install the stop sign at the Bermuda-North/Woodward Heights Blvd intersection.

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

City Manager's Report

Some of the Woodward Heights traffic calming measures will take some time to implement, but the speed hump will be removed and the stop sign will be installed tomorrow.

Other Business

Wahl commented the recreation department has many virtual class offerings and outdoor classes. Flu shot clinic is upcoming, will need an appointment. Watch for the upcoming *Ridger* for more information.

Scott commented the Historical Commission wishes former commissioner Erik Krogel luck, he has moved out of the City and can no longer serve on that commission. Updating continues for the *Pleasant Ridge Then and Now* booklet.

Allison gave update on the November 3rd General election and absentee voting options. The polls will be open from 7am-8pm on election day and voting will take place at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center. Absentee ballots can be returned until 8pm on election day and must be returned to the Pleasant Ridge City Hall.

Metzger gave an update regarding the census.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Metzger adjourned the meeting at 10:06pm.

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk