



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting
November 10, 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

Recognition of the passing of former City Attorney Donald H. Gillis
20-3484

Motion by Commissioner Scott second by Commissioner Wahl, to receive and enter the correspondence related to the recognition of Donald Gillis into the record and acknowledge Mr. Gillis' contributions to the City of Pleasant Ridge via the passage of the memorial resolution as stated.

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

Public Discussion

Jaimie Powell Horowitz, 45th District Court Judge elect, thanked the Mayor and Commission for their consideration and spoke about her recent win at the November election. She is excited to begin her new term.

Mary Sarsfield, regarding a traffic stop with one of the Pleasant Ridge Officers on October 31st. She had some concerns which she had previously addressed with the City Commission and the Chief of Police. Was concerned because the officer who stopped their car was not wearing a mask. She indicated the Chief explained that the officer stated the mask interferes with his ability to communicate, which is allowable for public safety officers. She was still concerned and felt hat the officer could have worn the mask. Sergeant Ried indicated there is a policy for officers to wear masks when entering homes during calls, however, officers are exempted under the governor's order from wearing masks on traffic stops. Sergeant Ried suggested she contact him or the Chief at the department personally to discuss further.

Governmental Reports

Sergeant Robert Ried, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, reminded residents to lock their homes and car doors. There has been one break in on Oxford and he believes the suspect has been identified.

Chief Jack Pasha, Ferndale Fire Department, indicated COVID cases are rising in Michigan, and discussed the use of masks and social distancing. There have been a few COVID cases in the Ferndale City Hall. Daylight Savings time change is a good time to check your smoke detectors. The fire department has some smoke detectors that residents can request via the fire marshal. Make sure fireplaces and ovens are cleaned and free of debris before use. Leaf burning not allowed within the City by ordinance. Cars should not be parked on leaves that have been placed in the street for collection. Discussed his upcoming retirement from Ferndale on November 13, 2020. A small gathering is scheduled for November 12th outdoors.

Commissioner Scott gave an update from the Historical Commission. September 11, 2021 is the tentative date for the Home and Garden Tour. Centennial home recipients have been notified and may purchase their tile at City Hall. Upcoming openings for the Commission.

Commissioner Perry gave an update from the Planning Commission/DDA. There was a meeting to discuss an upcoming ordinance amendment regarding signs. Manager Breckman indicated the public hearing regarding the proposed ordinance will be held Monday, December 14th at 7pm.

Commissioner Budnik gave an update from the Ferndale Public School Board. The board will meet next week.

Commissioner Wahl gave an update from the Recreation Commission. She detailed upcoming events related to the Recreation Department.

Consent Agenda

20-3485

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

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

Open Meeting Act Policy

20-3486

Motion by Commissioner Perry second by Commissioner Wahl, that the City Commission declare a local state of emergency and adopt the proposed Open Meetings Act policy regarding the rules and procedures for remote meetings to be held while the local state of emergency is in effect.

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

City Manager's Report

Gainsboro Park pavilion project will begin soon. Fall leaf collection has begun. Signs will be posted before the last collection date. The leaf collection will not be extended past the current schedule.

Other Business

Allison gave update on the November 3rd General election results. Thanked the election inspectors and staff for the assistance during the election. Metzger commented on the voter rolls and the data provided. Donation will be made to FernCare based on the City's overall voter turnout. Metzger announced Coats for the Cold program boxes have been delivered and will be collected at the end of November.

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

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk