



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

Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting June 8, 2021

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

Present: Mayor Metzger, Commissioners Budnik, Perry, Scott, Wahl (8:19pm).
Also Present: City Manager Breuckman. City Attorney Need, City Clerk Allison.
Absent: None

Public Discussion

Gregg Leshman, 30 Elm Park, requested the replacement street signs designate “Boulevard” and “Avenue” for Elm Park. Breuckman indicated that space on the new signs is limited, and those designations are removed on the newer signs. There is an ongoing project to replace signs citywide.

Governmental Reports

Chief Teresa Robinson, Ferndale Fire Department, gave an update regarding fire department activities and events.

Chief Kevin Nowak, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, gave a brief crime update and police department statistics and updates.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Scott gave an update from the Historical Commission. September 11, 2021 is the date for the 2021 Garden Tour, called the “Outdoor Sanctuaries of Pleasant Ridge.” Looking for homeowners willing to showcase their garden on the tour. The museum will be resuming visiting hours soon.

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

Commissioner Budnik gave a report for the Ferndale Public School District and the report for the Huntington Woods Library provided by the Pleasant Ridge board representatives and other events happening at the library. Check the website for opening times and activities.

Commissioner Perry gave an update from the Planning Commission/DDA, next meeting will be held Monday, July 26, 2021.

Consent Agenda

21-3515

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Perry, that the consent agenda be approved.

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

Public Hearing – 2021-2022 Budget and Millage Rates

Breuckman presented information concerning the 2021-2022 budget and millage rates. He highlighted the accomplishments that had been achieved in the last year. The proposed budget for 2021-2022 is available on the website. If passed, it will take effect on July 1, 2021.

Mayor Metzger opened the public hearing at 7:49pm.

With no comments or questions, Mayor Metzger closed the public hearing at 7:50pm.

21-3516

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the 2021-2022 Combined City Budgets be approved and that the Budget Resolution be adopted, including the levying of

- 12.4262 mills for the General Fund Operating,
- 2.5968 mills for Infrastructure Improvements,
- 1.4829 mills for Solid Waste and Disposal,
- 0.2850 for Publicity,
- 0.3503 mills for Library Services,
- 1.1009 mills for Community Center Complex Operations,
- 1.11000 mils for Community Center Complex Debt Service,
- 0.6557 mils for Park Improvement, and
- 1.3032 mils for Police Pension Stabilization, be approved.

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

Establishing public hearing – July 13, 2021, at 7:30pm

Breuckman gave a brief overview of the proposed marijuana facilities ordinance. The first step in considering an ordinance is to schedule a public hearing to solicit public comments on the proposed ordinance.

21-3517

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that a public hearing be established for Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:30pm to solicit public comments on a proposed Marijuana Facilities Ordinance.

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

Water Infrastructure Millage Ballot Language

Breuckman gave an overview of the proposed ballot language for placement on the November 2, 2021, General Election Ballot. The proposed millage would reduce the amount charged to the utility bill for upcoming water infrastructure projects.

21-3518

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Scott, that the ballot proposal which reads specifically:

“Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge be authorized levy up to three and one half (3.5) mills per year, for years 2022 through 2051, in excess of its Charter authorized tax rate as reduced by Section 34, Article IX of the 1963 State Constitution, such additional millage to be used to finance water infrastructure projects including water main replacement and construction, public and private lead service line replacement, and associated restoration work within the City of Pleasant Ridge? It is estimated that 3.5 mills would provide \$620,993 if levied in full in 2022.”

be approved and forwarded to the Oakland County Clerk for placement on the Tuesday, November 2, 2021, General Election Ballot.

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

Delinquent Utility Bill and Credit Card fees

21-3519

Motion by Commissioner Scott, second by Commissioner Perry, that the fees charged to delinquent utility bill and credit card processing be reinstated beginning July 1, 2021.

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

Return to in-person meetings

21-3520

Motion by Commissioner Wahl, second by Commissioner Scott, that the Pleasant Ridge City Commission and Junior meetings return to in person meetings beginning July 2021.

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

City Manager's Report

Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday, May 31, 2021 at 9:00am in Memorial Park.
Community Pool Report.

Other Business

Allison discussed the upcoming November General Election, to be held November 2, 2021. There will be two City Commission seats and the Mayor seat will be elected at that time. Nominating petitions for these offices are available and will be due by 4pm on July 20th.

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

Mayor Kurt Metzger

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk