



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

**City Commission Meeting
November 9, 2021**

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Metzger called the meeting to order at 7:31pm.

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

Proclamation recognizing Meghan Perrault for her recycling efforts in Pleasant Ridge
21-3529

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Wahl, that the proclamation recognizing Meghan Perrault for her recycling efforts in the City of Pleasant Ridge, be approved.

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

Public Discussion

Ted Zachary, 68 Devonshire, Environmental Committee member, discussed recycling and compost tips.

Jay Foreman, 60 Oakdale, Halloween candy collection for Operation Gratitude, over 500 pounds collected. Thanked all who participated.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Scott gave an update on events related to the Historical Commission. The museum will be open November 20th from 10am-12pm and is regularly open the third Saturday monthly. There will be a holiday village display in the museum for the holiday season. The museum will be open during the City's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on December 6th.

Commissioner Wahl gave an update on events related to the Recreation Commission. Upcoming events include 50+ club Thanksgiving Bingo, 50+ Club trips resuming, American Red Cross blood drive, holiday lighting contest, letters to Santa mailboxes at the Community Center and City Hall, holiday arrangement workshop only has a few spaces available, Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 6th, Memorial Park, kids gingerbread house making workshop, Dinner with Santa event. Check the City's website for more details.

Commissioner Budnik gave an update for the Ferndale Public Schools and the Huntington Woods Library Board. Ferndale High School is looking for tutors, refreshed nest meeting space available for gatherings, various school sponsored clubs are beginning to reorganize as COVID cases in the district are low. SAT and PSAT testing coming up. FPS superintendent Sania Bazzi named Superintendent of the Year. School district celebrating is 100th year. North Pool at the high school being converted to a fitness center. FHS Marching Band won state competition over the weekend.

Huntington Woods Library, detailed upcoming events and class offerings. Check the Huntington Woods Library website for further information.

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/DDA. There has been no meeting. The next meeting will be held in January 2022.

Official Certification and Election Report of the General Election November 2, 2021

21-3530

Motion by Commissioner Wahl, second by Commissioner Perry, that the Official Certification and Election Report of the November 2, 2021, City General Election be received and filed.

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

After the certification report was received. City Clerk Allison administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Bret Scott, City Commissioner Alex P. Lenko, and City Commissioner Katy Schmier. After a brief recess the new City Commission was seated and the meeting continued.

Governmental Reports

Chief Teresa Robinson, Ferndale Fire Department, gave an update regarding events related to the Ferndale Fire Department.

Sergeant Robert Ried, Pleasant Ridge Police Department, gave an update regarding events related to the Pleasant Ridge Police Department in the absence of Chief Nowak.

Consent Agenda

21-3531

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Budnik, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Perry Budnik, Lenko, Schmier, Mayor Scott.
 Nays: None.

2021-2023 City Commission Organizational Items

21-3532

Motion by Commissioner Budnik, second by Commissioner Perry, that items 11a through 11n regarding the organization of the 2021-2023 Pleasant Ridge City Commission be approved.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Budnik, Perry, Lenko, Schmier, Mayor Scott.
 Nays: None.

City Commission Liaison appointments

21-3533

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Lenko, the appointment of Commissioner Budnik as liaison to the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission, the appointment of Commissioner Perry as liaison to the Pleasant Ridge Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority, the appointment of Commissioner Schmier as liaison to the Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission and the appointment of Commissioner Lenko as liaison to the Ferndale Public Schools Superintendent's Advisory Committee, terms to expire November 14, 2023, be approved..

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Perry, Lenko, Budnik, Schmier, Mayor Scott.
 Nays: None.

City Commission appointment to the Woodward Heights Traffic Calming Consultant Selection Committee

21-3534

Motion by Commissioner Budnik, second by Commissioner Perry, the appointment of Commissioner Lenko and Commissioner Schmier to the Woodward Heights Traffic Calming Consultant Selection Committee, be approved.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Budnik, Perry, Lenko, Schmier, Mayor Scott.
 Nays: None.

Water Infrastructure Funding discussion

Motion by Commissioner Lenko, second by Commissioner Schmier that a citizen's advisory commission be established to recommend what portion, if any, of newly approved millage and other sources be applied to the water infrastructure project. Further, that said advisory commission be comprised of 9 citizens, appropriately balanced by geography within the City, by taxable values, and if allowable by voting stance on our recent millage. And lastly, that the City Manager research and report back to the City Commission in one month concerning the features of the Federal Infrastructure bill relating to water supply and how they might apply to the City's own water infrastructure project.

Comments were made by the public and City Commissioners. Public comments made by Ralph Castelli, George Lenko, Jay Ahmad, a written statement was provided by Perry Shah and read by Jay Ahmad, and Christine Matyas.

No vote was taken on this motion, discussion was held and a special meeting was scheduled for November 30th to discuss this item. This motion was tabled until the November 30, 2021.

City Manager's Report

Federal Infrastructure bill, what the funding looks like and application process. State of Michigan decides the distribution of the federal funding. Pleasant Ridge may have a uphill fight for funding. Funding rollout will be over five years. Will have more information soon.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:53pm.

Mayor Bret Scott

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk