



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

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## **City Commission Meeting June 14, 2022**

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

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

### **Introduction of Police Officer Patrick Lemke and Officer Pharoh Johnson**

Chief Nowak introduced Officer Johnson. Officer Lemke was unable to attend the meeting.

### **Public Discussion**

Ted Zachary, 68 Devonshire, would like to create a city motto and include the word “kindness”. Would like the city to participate in “No Mow May”. Teds’s Terrific Tip – wear a bike helmet with you are on a ladder for protection. Buttnerut squash challenge still ongoing. Brought small plants to give to the Commission.

Howard Smith, 60 Woodward Heights, traffic issues on Woodward Heights. Would like Woodward Heights engineered for calming before other streets and major roads. Has been emailing the City Manager for assistance with the truck traffic, and he has been helpful with the truck traffic. Thanked the police department for the extra patrols.

Deb Hemmi, Huntington Woods Library Director, gave an update on events related to the Huntington Woods Library.

Charlie LeDuff, 8 Woodside Park, his yard abuts the park behind the Community Center, read the noise ordinance. Believes the noise coming from the Community Center is excessive and has been getting worse over the past few years. Does not want to call the police department for excessive noise. Request the community center staff police their own building for noise.

Bobby Laurance, Senator Bullocks office, no report.

### **Governmental Reports**

Chief Nowak gave an update regarding the police department, crime statistics, code enforcement issues, gun locks are available free of charge at the Police Department.

### **City Commission Liaison Reports**

Perry reported on information related to the Planning Commission/DDA. No meeting was held since the last City Commission meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup>.

Schmier reported on events related to the Historical Commission. Pewabic Tile are available for purchase in the Historical Museum, when open, and at City Hall during business hours. Museum

will be opened for an hour before City Commission meetings throughout the summer. Normal Saturday opening hours will continue. Garden Sanctuary Tour has been cancelled for 2022, looking towards 2023 with the possibility of a full home and garden tour.

Budnik reported on events related to the Recreation Department Commission. Summer Camp Class and activity registrations are available online. Ridger will be delivered soon and will be available online.

Lenko reported on information related to the Ferndale Public Schools. Meetings are viewable on YouTube. Last meeting was May 16<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting will be June 20<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent search has been narrowed down to two finalists. Interviews for the finalists will be this week.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **22-3565**

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

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

### **Fiscal year 2022-2023 Combined City Budget and the 2022 Millage Rates**

Breuckman gave an overview of the fiscal year 2023 budget and the 2022 millage rates, including the breakdown of the millage rate and distribution. He discussed upcoming projects and goals for the City in the next fiscal year.

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing at 8:04pm, with no comments or discussion, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing at 8:05pm.

#### **22-3566**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Schmier that the 2022-2023 Combined City Budgets be approved and that the Budget Resolution be adopted, including the levying of 12.1726 mills for the General Fund Operating, 2.5438 mills for Infrastructure Improvements, 1.4526 mills for Solid Waste and Disposal, 0.2700 for Publicity, 0.3380 mills for Library Services, 1.0784 mills for Community Center Complex Operations, 1.0400 mills for Community Center Complex Debt Service, 0.1290 mills for Park Improvement, 1.2766 mills for Police Pension Stabilization, and 1.6987 mills for Water Infrastructure be approved.

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

### **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Project Plan**

Michael Smith from Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, the City's engineering firm, gave an overview of the project and the City's requirements for participation.

Mayor Scott opened the public hearing at 8:24pm, with no comments or discussion, Mayor Scott closed the public hearing at 8:25pm.

22-3567

Motion by Commissioner Budnik, second by Commissioner Schmier, that the drinking water state revolving fund (DWSRF) project plan, be approved, including the selected alternative and that the City Manager be designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project.

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

**Woodward Streetscape/Cycle Track Project Discussion**

Breuckman have an update regarding the status of the Woodward Streetscape/Cycle Track project and the funding required. Current grants are in place; however some are close to expiring. Additional grant funding could be available through SEMCOG. Project could also be scaled down to proceed forward.

**Agreement between the County of Oakland and the City of Pleasant Ridge for property assessing services**

22-3568

Motion by Commissioner Lenko, second by Commissioner Budnik, that the contract with Oakland County Equalization Division Assistance Services for assessing services effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, be approved, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign the contract.

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

**City Manager's Report**

Consumers Energy project ongoing. Homeowners should contact Consumers directly with restoration issues.

Staff will be meeting with the Woodward Heights traffic consultant for street walkthrough. Public meeting will be held July 14<sup>th</sup> at Iron Ridge (404 E. 10 Mile). Community survey postcard will be mailed citywide and there is a page dedicated to the project on the City's website. Residents are urged to sign up on the website for email updates regarding the project and participate in the project.

**Other Business**

Perry introduced a book written by Pleasant Ridge resident Frank Polito, *Renovated to Death*. Interesting read, available at several local bookstores and the library.

With no further business or discussion, Mayor Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.

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Mayor Bret Scott

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk