



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

**Regular City Commission Meeting  
May 14, 2013**

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Castelli called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Castelli, Commissioners Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Rubino.  
Also Present: City Manager Ball, City Attorney Cooper, City Clerk Allison.  
Absent: None.

**Amend the April 2013 Minutes**

**13-2970**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Krzysiak, that the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, April 9, 2013, be amended by the addition of Commissioner Krzysiak's comments regarding Loyalty Day and the City's Human Rights Ordinance.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Krzysiak, Bushey, Rubino, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**Draft Minutes – April 9, 2013**

**13-2971**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that the minutes of the April 9, 2013 City Commission Meeting be reviewed and amended for presentation at the next Regular City Commission Meeting.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Perry, Krzysiak, Bushey, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**April 2013 Monthly Disbursement Report**

**13-9872**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the April 2013 Monthly Disbursement Report, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**Administration of the Oath of Office to Police Officer Randall J. Lucy**

City Clerk Allison administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Randall Lucy.

**Resolution - Mayor Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., for 20 years of service to the City**

**13-2973**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that the resolution recognizing Mayor Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., for 20 years of service to the City of Pleasant Ridge, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Perry, Bushey, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**Governmental Reports**

Ms. Anne Hage, Huntington Woods Library Director, gave an update regarding events related to the Huntington Woods Library.

Mr. Gary McGillivary, Oakland County Commissioner, gave an update regarding events related to Oakland County.

Chief Kevin Sullivan, Ferndale Fire Department, gave an update regarding events related to the Ferndale Fire Department.

Ms. Nan Carmuller, Ferndale Public School Board, gave an update regarding events related to the Ferndale Public Schools.

Mr. Ted Zachary, Recycling Coordinator, gave an update regarding recycling efforts within the City of Pleasant Ridge.

**City Commission Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Krzysiak gave an update regarding events related to the Recreation Commission. Community Pool opens May 24, 2013, at 4:00 pm. Memorial Day Ceremony will be held Monday, May 27, 2013 at 8:30 am. Summer Camp at the Rec, sign up forms are available online. Playmakers subcommittee will be holding play events throughout the summer the third Thursday of every month. First event will be a bike rally at the Community Center.

Commissioner Bushey gave an update regarding events related to the Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority. Representative of WA3 gave a presentation to the Planning Commission/DDA on Complete Streets at its April Meeting. Upcoming projects, alley reconstruction, and parking designs.

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding the WA3 Complete Streets Project require input from the community, a open event will be held June 10 – 12, 2013. WA3 also working on Highland Park Ford Model-T plant to assist in the restoration of the plant, Sunflower gardens on Woodward between 6 Mile and 8 Mile roads.

Manager Ball gave an update regarding the MDOT Woodward Avenue Project. The City has requested assistance from MDOT regarding the Woodward/Sylvan/Oakland Park intersection improvements. MDOT has agreed to stripe the intersection at the City's request.

Commissioner Rubino gave an update on events related to the Historical Commission. The Home and Garden Tour only has two homes, if no other homes are secured the tour will be cancelled. He displayed the 100 year old home plaque. Plans for Antique Show and Sale are in the works, October 4-6, 2013.

## **Public Discussion**

John Nehil, 23 Oakland Park, commented regarding the park benches and some are sinking. All the parks except for Memorial Park have trash containers, can one be provided. Finally, is the City going to offer the joint leveling program for sidewalks again this summer. He offered congratulations to Mayor Castelli on 20 years and complimented the City Manager for her good work.

Jay Foreman, 73 Maplefield, congratulated Mayor Castelli on his service. He also requested information regarding the tree removal at Moberly Park.

Manager Ball gave an update on the maintenance project ongoing in Moberly Park, which includes some removal of dead trees and installation of artificial turf.

Commissioner Perry, questioned the artificial turf and the donation by the City's contractor. Questioned whether all the grass will be removed.

Manager Ball commented all the grass, will be removed. The turf is being tried to see what it will be like and if this is something the City would like to keep.

Commissioner Krzysiak commented he was unaware of the scope of the Moberly Park project. Feels the project is more than maintenance. Would have been more comfortable if there would have been more discussion or conversations regarding the project.

Manager Ball commented she discussed this maintenance project with the City Commission in a memo, as well as at a workshop.

Commissioner Rubino commented that the City Manager was creative in her solution regarding Moberly Park.

Mr. Fred Cuda, 49 Maplefield, saw the lines drawn for sidewalk on Kenberton. Reconsider vote regarding the sidewalk on Kenberton. Are the proposed lines where the sidewalk will be placed. How many trees will be lost, what is the total cost and where will the money come from

Manager Ball commented that the lines drawn are the approximate location of the sidewalk, the curb at his property will be eliminated and will be narrower, a 4 foot sidewalk instead of a 5 foot sidewalk, 3 trees, approximate cost, including survey and attorney fees is \$18,000.

Mayor Castelli commented that the cost of the sidewalk project will be included in the 2013-2014 Road Reconstruction project.

Commissioner Krzysiak commented the motion approved included minimal impact to the existing area. There is a way the sidewalk can be installed without removal of any trees. There needs to be minimal impact to the surrounding residents and creative solutions. Encourage continuation of the project with creative solutions.

Commissioner Bushey commented the City is at \$18,000 in cost and the residents have complaints. What is the estimated total cost of the project.

Manager Ball commented the \$18,000 included just about everything except for additional landscaping or any additional attorney fees.

**Consent Agenda**

**13-2974**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the Consent Agenda be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Rubino, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**Establish public hearing - June 11, 2013 – Budget, Millage, Capital Improvement Plan**

**13-2975**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino that that a public hearing be established for Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., to solicit public comments on the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 millage rates, fiscal year 2013-2014 combined city budgets and the fiscal years 2014-2018 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Rubino, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**Establishing public hearing - June 11, 2013 – Water/Sewer Rate Ordinance**

**13-2976**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey that that a public hearing be established for Tuesday, June 11, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., to solicit public comments on an ordinance to amend Section 74-183 (Combined Water and Sewer Rates) of Chapter 74 (Utilities) of the Pleasant Ridge City Code, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**2013 Quarterly Rubbish Collection charge**

**13-2977**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that a Solid Waste User charge of \$43.36/quarter, effective on water bills due after June 1, 2013, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Perry, Bushey, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**2013 Industrial Waste Control rates**

**13-2978**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubini, that the proposed Industrial Waste Control Charges effective on water bills due after June 1, 2013, be adopted, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**Ballot Language – Headlee Override**

**13-2979**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the ballot proposal which reads specifically: “Shall a “Headlee Override” be adopted so that the current limitation on the amount of City taxes that may be levied against all taxable property in the City of Pleasant Ridge, Oakland County, Michigan be increased:

- Up to 20.0 mills from approximately 11.4248 mills (\$20.00 from approximately \$11.42 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for general operating expenses, consisting of police, fire, public works, sidewalks, water and sewer, parks and recreation, pool operations, general government, capital projects and continuation of existing services, and
- Up to 3 mills from approximately 1.7134 mills (\$3.00 from approximately \$1.71 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for solid waste/rubbish, and

If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated maximum amount of \$1,266,420 for the City in 2014 by allowing the City to levy the maximum mills previously approved by the voters and authorized by the City Charter and State law which have been reduced as required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963?”

be forwarded to the State of Michigan Attorney General for approval for placement on the Tuesday, November 5, 2013, General Election Ballot.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Rubino, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: Commissioner Bushey.

**Ballot Language – Infrastructure Improvement Millage**

**13-2980**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the ballot proposal which reads specifically:

“Shall the City of Pleasant Ridge be authorized to continue to levy up to three (3) mills per year, for years 2015 through 2035, inclusive in excess of its Charter authorized tax rate as reduced by Section 314, Article IX of the 1963 State Constitution, such additional millage to be used to finance street, sewer & water system repairs, sidewalks, alleys, parking lots, parks and general infrastructure improvements within the City of Pleasant Ridge?”

be forwarded to the State of Michigan Attorney General for approval for placement on the Tuesday, November 5, 2013, General Election Ballot.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**Resolution - Oakland County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**13-2981**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino that the resolution adopting the Oakland County Hazard Mitigation Plan, be approved and forwarded to the Chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Perry, Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**Recreation Appointment-Christopher Budnik**

**13-2982**

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Rubino that the appointment of Mr. Christopher Budnik to the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission, term to expire December 31, 2013, be approved, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Krzysiak, Rubino, Bushey, Perry, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**West Cambridge Avenue Road Construction Project Bid Alternate 3 Award**

**13-2983**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Perry, that Bid alternate number 3 of the West Cambridge Avenue Road Reconstruction Project, regarding sidewalk removal and replacement on Cambridge, be awarded to Tiseo Brothers, Inc, of Washington Township, Michigan, in the amount of \$56,945.00 as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Perry, Krzysiak, Rubino, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

**City Manager's Report**

Thank you to Myron Stein for tree donations.

Thank you to Garden Club for their beautification plan for Stevenson Park.

City Commission Coffee House, Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

City Commission Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm

Pool opens May 24<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business**

Commissioner Krzysiak would like to recognize Mike Polozolo, who was recognized by the Ferndale Little Eagles Basketball Program. And Hollis Jencks, recognized by Huron-Metro-Clinton Volunteer of the Year award. Interested in still holding book club on May 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the book "*Kaboom, A Movement to Save Play*".

Manager Ball commented on the Mayors recognition reception immediately following the meeting at the Community Center.

Commissioner Perry commented on the train whistles, the sound and the length.

Manager Ball commented she received one email regarding train whistles. She will contact neighboring communities to see if there are other complaints or concerns and will contact the railroad.

**City Manager's Performance Evaluation**

**13-2984**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the request by City Manager Sherry Ball that:

1. The evaluation submitted by Commissioner Jason Krzysiak be disregarded by the other four City Commissioners when considering her performance for the past year;
2. The evaluation submitted by Commissioner Jason Krzysiak be stricken from any permanent record of the City;
3. The evaluation not be included in her personnel file; and
4. The evaluation form be immediately destroyed and no copies be distributed.

Adopted:        Yeas:            Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Mayor Castelli.  
                  Nays:            Commissioner Krzysiak.  
                  Abstain:        Commissioner Perry.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 11:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jerry A. Bushey, Deputy Mayor

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk