



Pleasant Ridge City Commission Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Castelli called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Mayor Castelli, Commissioners, Krzysiak, Perry, Rubino.
Also Present: City Manager Ball, City Attorney Cooper, City Clerk Allison
Absent: Commissioner Bushey

Minutes

11-2792

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that the minutes of the City Commission Organizational Meeting held Tuesday, November 15, 2011, be approved, as presented.

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

Addition to Agenda

11-2793

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that agenda item #5a, regarding Polar Environmental, Ferndale, Michigan, and agenda item #5b regarding House Bill 5187, be added to the Agenda for City Commission consideration.

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

November 2011 Disbursement Report

11-2794

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Krzysiak, that the November 2011 Disbursement Report be approved, as listed.

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

City Managers Report - Polar Industries

City Manager Ball gave an update regarding Polar Environmental, located in Ferndale, Michigan. Recently, there have been numerous complaints regarding odor coming from this facility. Polar Environmental has responded to the City in writing, as well as via a conference call on Monday, December 12th.

Ferndale Fire Chief Kevin Sullivan gave some background regarding complaints Ferndale Fire Department has received regarding this issue. Contact the Fire Department and the MDEQ for complaints regarding the odor. Chief Sullivan will inform the Pleasant Ridge City Manager regarding any such calls it receives.

Resolution opposing HB 5187

11-2795

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that resolution opposing House Bill 5187, regarding County Commission reapportionment, be approved, as listed.

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

City Commission Liaison Reports.

Commissioner Perry gave a brief report regarding the Ferndale Public Schools. Attended the Superintendents' Advisory Committee, announced meeting to be held at the Community Center on January 6th, spoke about the possible bond ballot proposal. Also gave a report regarding transit.

Commissioner Rubino gave an update regarding the Historical Commission. Speaker series will be held in January. Home and Garden tour will be held in June. Looking at sponsoring an antiques market.

Commissioner Krzysiak gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Several events will be held within the next few weeks for the holidays for children, families and seniors. Thanks and Giving Artist Market held in November was a success.

Huntington Woods Public Library Report

Ms. Anne Hage, Huntington Woods Library Director, gave a report on events related to the Huntington Woods Library. Ms. Stacy Stutcher and Mr. Dave Tigertt, Huntington Woods Library Board Members, and Pleasant Ridge residents, were also in attendance.

Governmental Reports

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

Ms. Karen Twomey, Ferndale School Board, gave a brief update regarding events related to the Ferndale Public Schools and the proposed bond millage. The proposed millage is a renewal of an existing seven (7) mills.

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

Historical Commission Appointments – C. Gillis and S. Morrow

11-2796

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that the appointments of Mrs. Cathie Gillis and Mr. Scott Morrow to the Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission, terms to expire December 31, 2014, be approved, as presented.

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

Historical Commission Reappointment – J. Kopp

11-2797

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Perry, that the reappointment of Ms. Jennifer Kopp to the Pleasant Ridge Historical Commission, term to expire December 31, 2014, be approved, as presented.

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

Planning Commission/DDA Appointment – R. Stearn

11-2798

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the appointment of Mr. Ryan Stearn to the Pleasant Ridge Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority, term to expire December 31, 2014, be approved, as presented.

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

Planning Commission/DDA Reappointments – S. O’Brien and G. Sweeney

11-2799

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Perry, that the reappointments of Mr. Sean O’Brien and Mr. Greg Sweeney to the Pleasant Ridge Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority, terms to expire December 31, 2014, be approved, as presented.

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

Recreation Commission Appointment – J. Foreman

11-2800

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Krzysiak, that the appointment of Mr. Jamison Foreman to the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission, term to expire December 31, 2014, be approved, as presented.

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

Recreation Commission Reappointment – J. Scully and V. Furnari

11-2801

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the reappointments of Ms. Jacqueline Scully and Mr. Victor Furnari to the Pleasant Ridge Recreation Commission, terms to expire December 31, 2014, be approved, as presented.

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

2012 BOR Federal Poverty Guidelines

11-2802

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the proposed poverty exemption formula, be approved, as presented.

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

Resolution regarding PA 152, regarding employee healthcare costs

11-2803

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Krzysiak, that the proposed resolution regarding PA 152, related to the City of Pleasant Ridge employee healthcare costs, be approved, as presented.

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

City Manager's Report

Last day for compost collection is Friday, December 16, 2011.

Salt buckets will be filled the third Monday of every month, beginning December 19, 2011

City Office Holiday Hours.

Article in Ridger regarding volunteers for a snow shoveling service, or if you are in need of service, contact the Community Center.

Sidewalk snow plowing has been eliminated this year.

Fire Protection Agreement update. Still in negotiations with the City of Ferndale.

Other Business

Commissioner Rubino commented the website is plain, questioned whether the website can be enhanced.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk