



23925 Woodward Avenue  
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

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## **Regular City Commission Meeting Tuesday, February 8, 2011**

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Castelli called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

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

### **Minutes**

#### **11-2712**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Lenko, that the minutes of the Regular City Commissioner meeting held Tuesday, January 11, 2011, be approved, as presented.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Kellett, Lenko, Bushey, Rubino, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

### **January 2011 Disbursement Report.**

#### **11-2713**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the January 2011 Disbursement Report be approved, as listed.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioners Bushey, Rubino, Kellett, Lenko, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays: None.

## **Consent Agenda**

**11-2714**

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

Adopted:                   Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Kellett, Bushey, Lenko, Mayor Castelli.  
                                  Nays: None.

## **Governmental Reports**

Mr. Ted Zachery, Recycling Coordinator, commented that the City of Pleasant Ridge has been challenged by the City of Huntington Woods to a recycling percentage increase challenge. The month of the challenge is yet to be determined.

## **Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Rubino gave a report on the Ferndale Public School District. He noted the Ferndale Public Schools "Meet and Greet" was held at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center on February 2, 2011, and was well attended.

Commissioner Bushey gave an update on the Recreation Commission. He recognized former Recreation Commissioners Patrick Faughnan, Karin Jahn and Craig Bitel. Since there was a lack of a quorum for the Regular January meeting, the members held a brainstorming session to prioritize upcoming and proposed Recreation programs.

Commissioner Kellett gave an update on the Historical Commission. The Regular February meeting has been rescheduled to February 10, 2011. Speaker's series was held on January 27, 2011, and was well attended. Historical museum is open the third Saturday of every month.

Commissioner Lenko gave an update on the Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority. The Planning Commission/DDA has been exploring alternatives to vehicle parking in the Commercial District. The City Commission will consider a proposed Ordinance amendment regarding parking alternatives at tonight's meeting. A City-wide survey will be released shortly as an update to the City's current Master Plan.

## **Establish Public Hearing – Zoning Amendments**

**11-2715**

Motion by Commissioner Lenko, second by Commissioner Kellett, that a public hearing be established on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., to solicit public comments on an Ordinance to amend the Pleasant Ridge Zoning Ordinance, Section 26-13.3, Off Street Parking Requirements, by the addition of new language regarding the number of required parking spaces in a Commercial District, as recommended.

Adopted:                   Yeas: Commissioners Lenko, Kellett, Bushey, Rubino, Mayor Castelli.  
                                  Nays: None.

**Agreement between Fifth Third Bank Processing Solutions/Magic Writer Inc. and the City of Pleasant Ridge for credit card acceptance services**

**11-2716**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the agreement between Fifth Third Bank Processing services/Magic Writer, Inc., and the City of Pleasant Ridge for the acceptance of credit and debit card at the City Hall counter and over the telephone be approved and that the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to enter into the agreement, as recommended.

Adopted:                   Yeas: Commissioners Rubino, Bushey, Kellett, Lenko, Mayor Castelli.  
                                  Nays: None.

**2011 Fee Schedule for Credit Card Acceptance Services**

**11-2717**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the proposed fee schedule for the acceptance of credit and debit cards be approved, as recommended.

Adopted:                   Yeas: Commissioners Kellett, Bushey, Lenko, Rubino, Mayor Castelli.  
                                  Nays: None.

**Report by Commissioner George Lenko regarding Regional Transportation Efforts.**

Commissioner Lenko gave a brief report regarding regional transportation efforts. A public hearing on this topic will be held on February 12, 2011, at the Detroit Public Library.

**Public Discussion**

Ms. Kay Brady, resident of Huntington Woods, has established a Pet Food Pantry in conjunction with New Beginnings Animal Rescue. The focus is in South Oakland County. Two locations will accept food, Wild Birds Unlimited, in Royal Oak and Berkley Animal Hospital. The food pantry will allow pet owners in need to obtain food for their animals.

Mr. Nathan Schoenfeld, 28 Kensington, commented he has been happy with the overall snowplowing, however, he has concerns about on-street parking problems on Kensington. He feels that residents should make alternate arrangements to park off-street during major snow events. He would like the City to explore a Snow Emergency Ordinance. He also commented about the alley that runs between Kensington and the I 696 Service Drive. After the large snowfall overnight on February 1<sup>st</sup>, the alley was plowed in at the service drive.

Manager Ball addressed the pros and cons of a Snow Emergency Ordinance and the priority of alley plowing.

**City Manager's Report**

The City-wide Community Survey will be released sometime in March.

**Other Business**

Commissioner Rubino commented that the DPW is doing to great job with snow removal. He questioned how to report to the City when a private company is plowing snow onto the property across the street.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk