



23925 Woodward Avenue  
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

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Regular City Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Castelli called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Present: Mayor Castelli, Commissioners Bushey, Kellett, Rubino  
Also Present: City Manager Ball, City Attorney Cooper, City Clerk Allison  
Absent: Commissioner Lenko

**Minutes**

**11-2755**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, June 14, 2011, and the Special City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, June 28, 2011, be approved, as presented.

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

**June 2011 Disbursement Report**

**11-2756**

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

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

## **Consideration of the Governmental Reports**

Ms. Helaine Zack, Oakland County Commissioner, gave an update regarding events related to the County of Oakland and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Ted Zachary, Recycling Coordinator, gave an update on events related to recycling efforts in the City. Announced that Pleasant Ridge won the challenge between the City of Pleasant Ridge and the City of Huntington Woods.

## **Open Air Dining Request**

**11-2757**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the concept of outdoor/open air dining be referred to the Planning Commission for review and that the City Manager be directed to develop language for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

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

## **FY 2010 and FY 2011 SMART Contracts**

**11-2758**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Kellett, that the FY 2010 and FY 2011 Municipal and Community Credits contract between the City of Pleasant Ridge and the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) be approved, as recommended.

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

## **Resolution – Corinne Pemberton**

**11-2759**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Kellett, that the resolution recognizing Ms. Corinne Pemberton, be adopted, as recommended.

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

### **Public Discussion**

Jason Krzysiak, 55 Wellesley, read a statement regarding his opposition to the future of a Public Safety merger with the City of Berkley and the termination of the Ferndale Fire Contract. Feels residents were not kept updated on the status of negotiations between the City of Berkley and the City of Pleasant Ridge for a merged public safety department. He also commented that he will attend all future City Commission Meetings and restate his position

Ms. Ann Perry, 35 Devonshire, requested monthly updates regarding the status of the public safety merger with the City of Berkley, and the City Commission should consider allowing a vote.

Both Commissioner Kellett and Mayor Castelli explained the law regarding elections.

Mayor Castelli mentioned Ms. Perry's Facebook comment about him. Commissioner Bushey added he did not think it was funny, although Ms. Perry said it was not meant to be insulting or threatening, she thought the photo of Casey Anthony's attorney looked like the Mayor. The Mayor said the article was about death threats the attorney had received and it troubled him. Ms. Perry apologized.

Mr. Devin Benner, 41 Oakdale, agreed with Mr. Kryzsiak. Discussed response times related to distance for a Fire Truck from the City of Berkley to the City of Pleasant Ridge, and from the City of Ferndale to the City of Pleasant Ridge. Discussed article in the Woodward Talk related to the June City Commission Meeting. Discussed relationship between the City of Ferndale and the City of Pleasant Ridge, indicating Pleasant Ridge should not 'close the door' to Ferndale or let personalities get in the way. Would like citizens to be able to vote on police and fire.

### **City Manager's Report**

Gave an update regarding public safety negotiations. Assistance offer from the City of Pleasant Ridge Police Commissioner. Regular community-wide updates will be provided as information is received. Meeting with Alliance Ambulance in a preliminary discussion, beginning of negotiations. Reviewing millage rates regarding this item.

Offer congratulations to Officer Kevin Nowak first Pleasant Ridge officer to graduate from the Oakland Fire Academy.

Pleasant Ridge Police Officer Union Contract settlement.

Ice Cream Social to be held Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at Gainsboro Park.

The City of Pleasant Ridge won the recycling challenge between the City of Pleasant Ridge and the City of Huntington Woods.

**Other Business**

Commissioner Bushey gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission and related Community Center and Community Pool events.

Commissioner Kellett commented the Historical Commission does not meet in the summer months, however, the Home and Garden Tour held in June was successful.

City Clerk Allison announced Nominating Petitions for the Office of City Commissioner are available and are due on August 16, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk