



Pleasant Ridge Public Hearing and City Commission Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2011

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

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

Addition to October 2011 Agenda

11-2775

Motion by Commissioner Lenko, second by Commissioner Kellett, that the October 11, 2011, City Commission agenda be amended to include a new item, item #19a, "*Consideration of the update by the City Manager regarding public safety services.*"

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

Minutes

11-2776

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the minutes of the Public Hearing and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting and the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, September 13, 2011, be approved, as recommended.

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

September 2011 Disbursement Report

11-2777

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

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

Governmental Reports

Commissioner Helaine Zack, Oakland County Commissioner, gave an update on events related to Oakland County.

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

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Rubino – no report.

Commissioner Bushey gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Upcoming events include Garden Harvest Party, Halloween Hayride, Kid's Halloween party, Tot Halloween party, and CPR classes.

Commissioner Kellett gave an update regarding the Historical Commission. Upcoming events included the Speaker Series scheduled for January 27, 2012.

Commissioner Lenko gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/Downtown Development Authority. At the last meeting the City's Planning Consultant gave presentation regarding how Planning Commissions and DDA's operate, Pleasant Ridge is in compliance and operating correctly. The September concert in the park was rained out. The next concert will be in the Spring 2012. The Planning Commission will be considering several zoning ordinance revisions.

Appointment to MSA Millennial Mayor's Congress – A. Lenko

11-2778

Motion by Commissioner Lenko, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the appointment of Mr. Alex Lenko, as the City's Millennial Representative to the Michigan Suburbs Alliance Millennial Mayor's Congress, be approved, as recommended.

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

Consent Agenda

11-2779

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

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

Public Hearing Ordinance Amendment – Unlawful Businesses

Mayor Castelli opened the public hearing at 8:01 pm

Ryan Stearn, 15 Wellesley, feels that the Ordinance amendment is too broad. He feels that the State will clarify its position on medical marijuana.

City Manager commented that the City has been operating under a moratorium regarding medical marijuana. Other communities have adopted ordinances which are more restrictive than the ordinance proposed this evening and several of these communities have been challenged.

Mayor Castelli questioned the City Attorney regarding the proposed ordinance and possible challenges.

City Attorney Cooper commented that the proposed Ordinance was written to be broad so that the City would not be challenged.

Commissioner Lenko commented this ordinance is specific to businesses and would still allow home occupancy caregivers to exist.

Commissioner Rubino commented that the proposed ordinance should be broad because it covers everything and if the laws change in the future, a resolution can be passed to amend this ordinance.

With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Castelli closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

11-2780

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the Ordinance to amend Chapter 18, Businesses, Article II, Licenses, by the addition of a new section, Section 18-51, Unlawful Businesses, be adopted, as recommended.

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

Public Hearing -2012 CDBG Application and Subrecipient Agreement

City Clerk Allison gave a brief overview of the proposed 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application and the CDBG Subrecipient Agreement. The City is allocated \$5,000.00 in CDBG funds for PY 2012. The recommendation is that these funds

Mayor Castelli opened the public hearing at 8:09 pm

With no further comments or discussion, Mayor Castelli closed the public hearing at 8:10 p.m.

11-2781

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Application and Subrecipient Agreement, be adopted, as recommended.

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

2011 Community Pool Report

Mr. Scott Pietrzak, Recreation Director, gave a brief presentation regarding the 2011 Community Pool season.

MDOT Annual Permit

11-2782

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the City Commission adopt the Performance Resolution required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of obtaining an Annual Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within the State Trunkline Right-of-Way, as recommended

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

Agreement – City of Ferndale Leaf Storage Usage

11-2783

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Lenko, that the agreement between the City of Ferndale and the City of Pleasant Ridge regarding the use of Ferndale's southwest storage area, during the 2011 leaf collection season, be approved, as recommended.

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

Establish ZBA Meeting Date

11-2784

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Bushey, that a Public Hearing and Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting be scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Public Safety Update

City Manager Ball gave an update regarding public safety. City Manager Ball and Mayor Castelli met with the Ferndale City Manager April McGrath and the Ferndale Mayor Dave Coulter. During this meeting, the Ferndale Fire Contract was discussed. After the meeting, the Ferndale City Manager delivered talking points to the Pleasant Ridge Manager regarding continuing fire services negotiations. The door to the City of Ferndale has not been closed, and the current points will be discussed. Public Safety discussions with the City of Berkley are ongoing as well.

11-2785

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Bushey, the City Manager be authorized to continue negotiations regarding fire protection services.

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

Public Discussion

Jason Krzysiak, 55 Wellesley, complemented the City Manager regarding the recent negotiations with the City of Ferndale. He hopes the negotiations with Ferndale and Berkley are the same. Questioned if any information was available regarding a millage. Problems with the website, would like to see talent within the community involved in the creation and upkeep of the City website. Thanked Berkley public safety representatives for attending the meeting. Questioned whether any arrangement for public safety been done for communities that do not border each other. Citizens are concerned with geography and the proximity to the City of Berkley. Concerned regarding how information is shared. Encourage citizens to participate in government. Feels residents should be allowed to vote in this issue. Wishes other candidates luck in upcoming election.

Michael Wider, 8 Hanover, thanked the City Commission for their service. Feels the City has shrunk significantly. Has seen the City cut to save in recent years. A City can not save their way to the future. Feels that police services need to remain in the City. The survey was clear regarding a tax increase rather than merge to a public safety department.

Martha Schlesinger, 38 Devonshire, commented that the Pleasant Ridge Foundation Oktoberfest was held on October 8th, was also held on Yom Kippur. Spoke with the City Manager regarding the date, was told that it date was scheduled by the Pleasant Ridge Foundation. Spoke with a member of the Foundation regarding the scheduling of the date, however, has not heard anything regarding the scheduling.

Ann Perry, 35 Devonshire, commented regarding how information was shared within the community. She feels that residents cannot reach out to the City Commission for information. Saw postings in *Ridger*, but would have handled communications better.

Ryan Stearn, 15 Wellesley, thanked the Commission for continuing to negotiate for Fire Protection services.

Devin Benner, 41 Oakdale, feels he has gotten the community talking and has given facts as he perceives them. He is encouraged that the talks are continuing with the City of Ferndale. Discussed response times and distances from Berkley to Pleasant Ridge and from Ferndale to Pleasant Ridge. Read comments from Facebook page regarding the recent B&E on Oakland Park. Read his transcription of a comment by Commissioner Kellett from the Meet the Candidates night regarding response time by Ferndale Fire to a garage fire on Oakdale. Has information from the City of Berkley and City of Pleasant Ridge regarding the records related to the garage fire incident.

Director Eshman, Berkley Public Safety, responded to Mr. Benner regarding the recent fire incident.

George Lenko, 32 Oakland Park, commented he was pleased regarding the offer from the City of Ferndale. Feels if the contract was not terminated in June, the City would not have received this new proposal from Ferndale. Thanked both Berkley and Ferndale for their efforts. Feels Pleasant Ridge looks at options for services early.

Chuck Kellett, 25 Woodside Park, commented that the City Commission are also effected by decisions which are made. Decisions must be made for the good of the whole community. Discussed his service to the City over the years. Feels the Commission should abdicate for what is best for Pleasant Ridge.

City Manager's Report

State of Emergency funding from Homeland Security was denied.

Community Garden Harvest Party, Monday, October 17, 2011. Tickets are available at City Hall and the Community Center.

Election to be held Tuesday, November 8, 2011, from 7 am to 8pm

SMART public hearing will be held Monday, November 7, 2011 at 4 Ridge Road, beginning at 3:00 p.m..

DTE outage update – Meeting with surrounding City Managers regarding services from DTE.

Recognized Theresa Hartle for her 101 birthday.

Kenberton project is ongoing and should be done within the next few weeks.

Foundation has donated \$20,000 to purchase trees. Program for residents to contribute to the cost of berme tree planting.

Announced the recent death of Mr. Michael McCourt,

November Annual Organizational Meeting to be held Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk