



Pleasant Ridge City Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Castelli called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

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

**Amendment to Agenda – Addition of Item 14a-Ferndale Youth Assistance Appointment**  
**11-2761**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the September 13, 2011 City Commission Agenda be amended to include item #14a, regarding the appointment to the Ferndale Youth Assistance Board of Directors.

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

**Minutes**

**11-2762**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the minutes of the Regular City Commissioner meeting held Tuesday, July 12 2011, be approved, as presented.

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

**Recognition – Officer Kevin Nowak**

**11-2763**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Rubino that the resolutions recognizing Officer Kevin Nowak, be approved, as recommended.

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

**Recognition – Officer Robert Ried**

**11-2764**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Rubino that the resolution recognizing Officer Robert Ried, be approved, as recommended.

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

**July and August 2011 Disbursement Report**

**11-2765**

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

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

**Governmental Reports**

Mayor Castelli welcomed State Senator Vincent Gregory to his first Pleasant Ridge.

Senator Vincent Gregory, gave an update on events related to the Michigan State Senate.

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

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

Manager Ball gave an update on the storm damage from September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the City's application for disaster recovery funds. She thanked Senator Gregory and Commissioner Zack for their prompt assistance.

**Consent Agenda**

**11-2766**

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

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

**Establish Pubic Hearings, Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

**Ordinance Amendment – Unlawful Businesses**

**11-2767**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that a public hearing to solicit public comments on the Ordinance to amend Chapter 18, Businesses, Article II, Licenses, by the addition of a new section, Section 18-51, Unlawful Businesses, be established for Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., as recommended.

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

**2012 CDBG Application and Subrecipient Agreement**

**11-2768**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Bushey, that a public hearing to solicit public comments on the 2012 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Application and Subrecipient Agreement, be established for Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., as recommended.

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

**2012 SMART Contract**

**11-2769**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, the FY 2012 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 Bushey, Rubino, Kellett, Mayor Castelli.  
                                  Nays: None.

**MERS Resolution – New Hire Group – Non-Union**

**11-2770**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the resolution for changing the Municipal Employees Retirement Systems (MERS) of Michigan benefits be adopted, as recommended.

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

**Foundation Liquor Request - Oktoberfest**

**11-2771**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Kellett, that the request by the Pleasant Ridge Foundation to dispense alcoholic beverages at its Annual Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 8, 2011, be approved, conditioned upon the Foundation obtaining Host Liquor Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, and that the City of Pleasant Ridge be named additional insured.

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

**FYA Appointment - Commissioner Frank Rubino**

**11-2772**

Motion by Commissioner Kellett, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the appointment of Commissioner Frank Rubino, as the City's representative to the Ferndale Youth Assistance Board of Directors, be approved, as recommended.

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

**Public Discussion**

Devon Benner, 41 Oakdale, commented on the proposed Public Safety discussions and agreements. Berkley Department is twice the distance than the current Ferndale Department. Overcharge for Fire and EMS services for the City of Ferndale should not be taken into consideration for termination of the agreement. City of Ferndale passed a Headlee override, can Pleasant Ridge get the overcharges back? Wants negotiations with Ferndale continued. Wants a vote as to what model should be considered and if the community is willing to pay for it. Referenced results of Community survey, regarding funding and level of satisfaction for fire and police services. Feels residents are happy with police and fire services and are willing to pay for services.

Jason Krzysiak, 55 Wellesley, read a statement regarding the response from the City from the storm damages on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. He continued to read that he and his family's opposition to a combined public safety department with the City of Berkley. How does a move to the public safety model meet the governors mandates under EVIP. Also questioned how locations of bike racks were decided. Announced a garage sale on Wellesley, September 22 and September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Wishes all the candidates luck in the upcoming election.

Ann Perry, 35 Devonshire, also has concerns about the public safety plans. Obtained some cost data from Ferndale. There were 152 runs at an approximate cost of \$2600 per run in 2009. Wishes all candidates luck in election.

Ryan Stearn, 15 Wellesley, thanked the Commission for volunteering their time. Wishes luck to all the candidates in the upcoming election. Has concerns about misinformation circulating in the community. Ferndale Fire Contract has been terminated within two years. Berkley Fire Contract will be in effect in two years. Berkley contract is specific to public safety merger. Feels there needs to be more public disclosure of information. Feels City Commission should produce information to community. The City of Pleasant Ridge is making next to nothing off of water. Overcharges from Ferndale have been addressed in the next three years, then the costs skyrocket.

Jay Foreman, 79 Maplefield, shares concerns already expressed regarding police and fire. Supports the suggestion to put the public safety question on the ballot. Questioned the cost of the survey. Has concerns about trees, wondering about the replacement trees and residential non-watering. Sidewalk leading from Kenberton to Maplefield. Sidewalk dead ends on Kenberton. Had questions about the Oakland County Complete Streets program. Commented about the creation of a Technology Committee, he would volunteer to serve on this Committee to update the City's technology services.

John Wright, 10 Kenberton, thanked the City for the services during the storm on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Questioned when the tree debris will be removed from the streets from the storms. Taking too long in his opinion.

Pam Wright, 10 Kenberton, questioned the plans to finish reconstruction of the street. Also the trees in the medians, when replaced, will be replaced wisely. Disappointed with progress.

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

Kenberton Road construction project is only slightly behind schedule, since it was delayed by a week. The project was also delayed due to the storm. Meetings were held with engineers and road contractor to verify the integrity of the street after storm. There is at least one area that has been identified will be replaced.

DDA Concert in the Park will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2011, at 6:30 pm, in Stevenson Park.

Foundation Oktoberfest will be held Saturday, October 8, 2011, at the DPW yard.

Meet the Candidates Night will be held Thursday, September 22, 2011, 6:30pm, at the Community Center.

Public Safety/Emergency Services update – Officer Ried is attending the academy on a full-time basis, has made himself available for additional work hours. Language has been added to the Police Contracts regarding the possible merger for public safety, also language regarding an Emergency Financial Manager. Talks with Berkley and Huntington Woods continue. Exploring possibility of public safety study.

Community Garden update – garden was planted, had good response. Owner of Cork has stepped forward to purchase several plots and offered the restaurant for a Community Garden Harvest Fundraiser. Fundraiser to be held Monday, October 17, 2011.

Fundrun for resident, Mike McCourt, who is very ill, to be held Saturday, September 17, 2011, beginning at the Community Center. Informational flyers are available at the Community Center as well.

DPW yard/Flynn Field park improvements are being installed to screen and beautify the area.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk