



Pleasant Ridge City Commission Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Having been duly publicized, Mayor Castelli called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

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

Minutes

12-2815

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, February 14, 2012, be approved, as presented.

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

February 2012 Disbursement Report

12-2816

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Bushey, that the February 2012 Disbursement Report be approved, as listed.

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

Governmental Reports

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

Ted Zachary, Recycling Coordinator, gave an update on recycling efforts within the City of Pleasant Ridge.

City Commission Liaison Reports

Commissioner Krzysiak, gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Discussed the upcoming pool season operations, planned Community Enhancement, Antiques Roadshow-April 14th, Pancake Bruch/Easter Egg Hunt-March 31st, planning for Community Garden, and a blood drive-April 25th.

Commissioner Bushey, gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/DDA. Discussed upcoming Concert-in-the-Park, July 25th and September 19th, and a redevelopment proposal for the former Field Art Building.

Mayor Castelli announced that due to a State mandate, the City's District court will be consolidated. 45A District and 45B District Courts will be combined.

Commissioner Rubino, gave an update regarding the Historical Commission. Planning continues for the Home and Garden Tour on June 9th. Working on recognition for homes which are 100 years old.

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding the Ferndale Public Schools, the bond proposal passed. Ferndale Education Foundation fundraiser to be held Thursday, March 15th. "Grease" will be opening this weekend. She also gave an update regarding Regional Transportation issues. Coffee with Commissioners event held Thursday, March 8th was a success.

City Manager Ball reported on events related to the Woodward 5 (W5). Defined project in the works. Public Meeting to be held on March 27th at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center.

Public Discussion

Ms. Amy Butters, 23 Millington, thanked the residents of Pleasant Ridge for voting in support of the Ferndale Public Schools Bond. Gave an update on the Ferndale Education Foundation fundraiser to be held March 15th 6pm to 9pm, to be held at Boogie Fever. FEF raises money for projects for the classroom/teachers.

Consent Agenda

12-2817

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

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

Annual Foundation Auction Donations

12-2818

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the items recommended by the City Administration as donations to the Pleasant Ridge Foundation for sale at its 2012 Annual Auction, be approved, as recommended.

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

Certification of Delinquent Water Bills

12-2819

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the properties in the City with unpaid water and sewer charges for a period of at least two quarters, as certified by the City's Water Department, be placed on the 2012 Summer tax roll as a special assessment, be approved, as recommended.

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

2012 Transfer Appropriations

12-2820

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that Transfer Appropriation A-2012-001 and A-2012-002, be approved, as recommended.

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

2012 Supplemental Appropriations

12-2821

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, that Supplemental Appropriation A-2012-001, A-2012-002, A-2012-003, A-2012-004, A-2012-005, A-2012-006, A-2012-007 and A-2012-008 be approved, as recommended.

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

City Manager's Report

Board of Review Meetings being held March 13 – 15, 2012, at the Pleasant Ridge Community Center.

Community Garden Kickoff Party will be held May 5, 2012.

Departmental Budgeting for the 2012-2013 year has begun.

Other Business

Commissioner Krzysiak questioned the City Manager any information regarding the situation at POLAR Environmental and an update regarding the fence along the railroad tracks at Gainsboro Park.

Manager Ball has not received any additional information from MDEQ or from POLAR. She reviewed information early this evening regarding the fence at Gainsboro. The City took an active role in attempting to perform maintenance of the fence in the 1991. The City constructed the fence in the 1960's. Grand Trunk states they have no obligation to the fence. The City has been in contact with Grand Trunk regarding maintenance, however they would not contribute. The City has performed frequent and constant maintenance on the fence.

Commissioner Perry commented that there are areas where "Stop" signs seem to be missing. One area is on Oakdale/Kenberton.

Manager Ball commented that signs were removed last year. A Traffic Engineer performed a study to determine the need for signage. The stop signs that have been removed were done so under his recommendation. There have been no incidents of any kind as a result of removing the signs last year.

Commissioner Rubino said he has been contracted be residents too, and would like to see signs replaced at corners. Mayor Castelli asked the City Manager to provide information to the City Commission so this may be reviewed further.

Mayor Castelli commented on a new investment opportunity. Manager Ball explained there is an investment opportunity with Oakland County and the Investment Committee will be making a recommendation next month.

Commissioner Perry questioned if the City will be doing a Sidewalk Replacement Program.

Manager Ball commented that the last sidewalk program was done in 2007. The City Commission can look at the program during the upcoming budget session and decide if this is something it would like the Administration to implement this year..

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

Amy M. Allison, City Clerk