



23925 Woodward Avenue  
Pleasant Ridge, Michigan 48069

**City Commission Meeting  
November 13, 2012**

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

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

**Minutes**

**12-2904**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Perry, that the minutes of the Public Hearing and Special City Commission Meeting held Monday, September 24, 2012, with amendments, and the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, October 9, 2012, be approved, as recommended.

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

**Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation for SOCRRA**

**12-2905**

Motion by Commissioner Rubino, second by Commissioner Bushey, the proposed Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation for the Southeast Oakland County Resource Recycling Authority (SOCRRA), be approved, as recommended.

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

**Resolution - County Commissioner Helaine Zack**

**12-2906**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, the Resolution in recognition of County Commissioner Helaine Zack, be approved, as recommended.

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

## **FY 2012 Annual Audit**

**12-2907**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, the audit of the City's financial statements for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2012, be received and filed, as recommended.

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

## **October 2012 Disbursement Report**

**12-2908**

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Perry, the October Disbursement Report be approved, as listed.

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

## **Governmental Reports**

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

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

Ms. Amy Butters, newly elected Ferndale School Board Member, offers her appreciation of the voters support during the November election, as well as, gave an update on events related to the Ferndale School District.

## **City Commission Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Krzysiak, gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Discussed upcoming events, such as Thanks-and-giving Market to be held November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, welcomed new member Christine Matayas, Thanked Sue Terpack for organizing the Thanks and Giving Market. Community enrichment sub-committee working on appraisal fair to be held in April. Community Garden and sharing table was a great success. Health and Wellness subcommittee working on Health and wellness fair to be held in January. Community build subcommittee working on fundraising efforts – group to be called the Playmakers.

Commissioner Bushey, gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/DDA. Mae's Restaurant has applied for the liquor license. Discussion held regarding the 696 overpass. Master Plan update will take place next year. Alley program will be considered during next budget year for the DDA. New stoplight at Woodward and Sylvan as well as street marking in the area.

Mayor Castelli, commented on upcoming events related to the Garden Club. Details are available at 4 Ridge and City Hall. Fundraiser for the benefit of the Garden Club, gala party hosted at 15 Oxford, Robert Campbell in charge of selling tickets.

Commissioner Rubino, gave an update regarding the Historical Commission. Discussion related to the Speaker Series event-no event in January. Centennial Homes pewabic tile will be available soon. Tree lighting event with Photos with Santa being planned December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding Regional Transportation issues and discussed a recent meeting regarding land use. Transit Alternative analysis available online now. Ferncare is having a bowl-a-thon in December. Thanked Amy Butters for the schools update.

### **Public Discussion**

Mr. Mark Johnson, 23 Maywood, commented regarding dialogs about commercial properties and the impact of businesses on residential properties. Requests that the Mayor and Commission educate residents about these issues. There has been confusion regarding business and the issuance of liquor licenses in the DDA. Unsure if there is a nice balance between commercial needs and residential needs on the east side of Woodward Avenue. Many underused or not used facilities in the east side business district. Land use issues. No clear definition of what the commercial areas will be. Planning Commission and DDA should define.

Manager Ball commented that Mr. Pearlman has met with the City Administration and the Planning Consultant, he has decided to move the restaurant to another community. He will lease the space to other interested business owners.

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **12-2909**

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

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

### **Kenberton Drive West Sidewalk**

City Manager Ball gave a brief overview of the request by a Maplefield homeowner regarding the installation of a sidewalk along Kenberton Boulevard.

Mr. Thomas Carroll, 36 Oakdale, concerns regarding Commissioner Perry going door-to-door supporting the Kenberton sidewalk issue.

City Attorney Cooper gave an opinion regarding the appropriateness of a Commissioner going door-to-door and voting on this issue.

Mr. Thomas Carroll commented that a sidewalk has not existed in that area. He feels that there are minimal safety concerns. There have been no incidents on the street.

Mayor Castelli presented Mr. Carroll with an aerial view of the property with a plot plan superimposed over the Carroll's lot. Mayor Castelli asked Mr. Carroll if he accepted the division between his private property and where the City easement would exist – as shown in the aerial photograph.

Mr. Carroll responded that he has treated the whole lot as his own, however, he understands the whole lot is not his. He did not extend his landscaping onto the City easement when he replanted. He was not sure where the property line was, however, he considers the entire lot his yard, even though he understands it is not.

Mayor Castelli commented that if a sidewalk was installed, it would be close to the Carroll's home.

Mr. Carroll responded that the proposed sidewalk would be less than ten feet of his family room window.

Ms. Gianna Cuda, 49 Maplefield, concerns with safety of sidewalk during wintertime, since there is no place to put snow, due to a privacy hedge. The hedge gives her privacy in the rear yard. What is the City going to do to help with privacy. Approaches lack of sidewalk as a learning opportunity for her daughter.

Mayor Castelli questioned if Ms. Cuda had installed the landscaping or if the landscaping existed when she purchased the property.

Ms. Cuda commented that the large privacy hedge was installed when they purchased the property, the rest of the landscaping, away from Kenberton, they installed.

Manager Ball commented that the hedge may need to be removed if the sidewalk is installed. Depending on where the sidewalk is located will determine what happens with the hedge.

Commissioner Rubino questioned if the hedge could be moved or replaced.

Manager Ball stated the City will look at all alternatives.

Mayor Castelli presented the same aerial photograph he presented to Mr. Carroll and had Ms. Cuda identify the hedge line in relation to the lot line.

Ms. Cuda agreed that her lot line is similar to the lot line of Mr. Carroll and identified the hedge line within the plot lines.

Jennifer Damico, 124 Kenberton, sidewalk taking away from green space. No hazards or incidents on that area. Children watch for traffic and drivers will watch for the safety of children. No reason to put in sidewalk.

Mr. Tim Matayas, 72 Maplefield, thought it was odd that there is no sidewalk, seems like there should be a sidewalk in that area. Feels sidewalk would be a safety enhancement.

Mr. Jay Foreman, 79 Maplefield, wants a sidewalk installed as a safety issue. Addressed some of the arguments regarding the residents who do not want the sidewalk installed.

Mr. Rob Sakat, 8 Fairwood, commented he has walked his dog on this section of Kenberton and was almost hit by a car. Feels traffic travels fast along that stretch of Kenberton.

Mr. Charile Kughn, 40 Maplefield, in favor of the sidewalk.



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

Thanksgiving hours for the City Hall/Community Center. They will both be closed on Thursday and Friday, Fitness center open on Saturday.

The Presidential Election held Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> had a good voter turnout.

Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Other Business**

Commissioner Krzysiak commented that he has heard from residents on Kensington, concerns with traffic backup at Kensington and Main Street. Can a traffic control sign be placed in that area? Is that the City's jurisdiction or should the City contact MDOT.

Commissioner Perry commented that she feels that No Outlet signs should be installed on Maplefield, Devonshire and Kensington.

Manager Ball commented she would research both issues.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk