



Pleasant Ridge City Commission Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14, 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**

**12-2810**

Motion by Commissioner Bushey, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting held Tuesday, January 10, 2012, be approved, as presented.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Bushey, Rubino, Krzysiak, Perry, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays:

**January 2012 Disbursement Report**

**12-2811**

Motion by Commissioner Krzysiak, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the January 2012 Disbursement Report be approved, as listed.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Krzysiak, Rubino, Bushey, Perry, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays:

**Fire Protection Agreement- City of Ferndale/City of Pleasant Ridge**

**12-2812**

Motion by Commissioner Perry, second by Commissioner Rubino, that the agreement for fire protection services between the City of Ferndale and the City of Pleasant Ridge be approved and that the Mayor, City Clerk, City Manager and City Attorney be authorized to sign the agreement, as recommended.

Adopted: Yeas: Commissioner Perry, Rubino, Bushey, Krzysiak, Mayor Castelli.  
Nays:

## **Consent Agenda**

**12-2813**

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:

## **Governmental Reports**

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

Jessica Stilders, Ferndale Public Schools, gave an update regarding events related to the Ferndale Public Schools.

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

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

## **City Commission Liaison Reports**

Commissioner Krzysiak, gave an update regarding the Recreation Commission. Welcomed new Recreation Commissioner Jay Foreman, discussed the upcoming Art Fair, Community Garden, the possibility of a Recreation Commission Speakers Series and other Recreation Programs.

Commissioner Bushey, gave an update regarding the Planning Commission/DDA. Discussed upcoming Concert-in-the-Park dates. Also commented on a Planning Commission subcommittee regarding setback requirements, which will be discussed at this meeting.

Commissioner Rubino, gave an update regarding the Historical Commission. The Historical Commission Speakers Series took place on Thursday, January 28, 2012, and was a success. Home and Garden Tour preparations are underway. The tour will be held in June.

Commissioner Perry gave an update regarding the Ferndale Public Schools, including a brief update regarding the proposed bond issue to be voted upon this month and other programs related to the schools. She also gave an update regarding Regional Transportation issues.

### **Public Discussion**

Ms. Sierra Onickel, Ms. Harmony Sargent, Ms. Natalie Berger, Ferndale High School Students, urged voters to vote yes on the upcoming Ferndale Public Schools Bond Question on the February 28, 2012 ballot. Also the Ferndale High School Musical “Grease”, which they are involved in will open on March 17, 2012.

Ms. Lydia McKee, 1456 W. Saratoga, Ferndale Elementary School student, urged voters to vote yes on the upcoming Ferndale Public Schools Bond Question on the February 28, 2012 ballot.

Ms. Avery Benner 41 Oakdale, Ferndale Public Schools student, urged voters to vote yes on the upcoming Ferndale Public Schools Bond Question on the February 28, 2012 ballot.

Mr. Jim Pflieger, 32 Woodside Park, urged voters to vote yes on the upcoming Ferndale Public Schools Bond Question on the February 28, 2012 ballot.

### **Report by the Pleasant Ridge Planning Commission regarding the Pleasant Ridge Zoning Ordinance Front Yard Setback Requirement**

In September, 2011, the City Commission directed the Planning Commission review the City’s front yard setback requirements, in light of several recent variance requests by homeowners renovating front porches.

The Planning Commission appointed a subcommittee to review this section of the ordinance. After reviewing the information, including number of variance requests, average setbacks on most blocks and at-length discussion, the Planning Commission recommends no change to the current Ordinance and that the minimum front yard setback requirement remain at 30’ from back of sidewalk.

### **City Manager’s Report**

50 plus Club will hold their Valentine’s Day Party on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.

The City participating in a State Budget webinar. Additional information regarding the EVIP was discussed. Brownfield and Historic Renovation Credits have been eliminated, both have been replaced with a new program. The State’s budget also calls for additional transit funding. New dashboard requirements and a 3 year budget plan requirement for municipalities was discussed.

A member is needed for the Pleasant Ridge Board of Review, applications available at City Hall. Brief Polar Environmental update.

**Other Business**

City Clerk Allison commented that Absentee Ballot applications are currently available at City Hall and online. She reminded voters that a ballot type must be selected whether voting absentee or at the polls. Ballot selections will be public record. She announced office hours on Saturday, February 25, 2012, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, for the purpose of accepting absentee ballot applications.

With no further business, Mayor Castelli adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ralph A. Castelli, Jr., Mayor

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Amy M. Allison, City Clerk