

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 3, 2016

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at the East Grand Rapids Community Center and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Public Safety Director Herald; Finance Director Mushong; City Clerk Brower

2016-105. Peter Dimitriou, 2621 Inverness, handed out a list of books and websites relating to climate change issues.

2016-106. Commissioner Zagel commended the EGR Community Foundation on Friday's spaghetti dinner at the Middle School. Mayor Seibold thanked all the staff and volunteers who worked on the event.

Commissioner Dills welcomed Dave Johnson, a new employee starting soon in the Public Works office.

2016-107. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Article VII of Chapter 2 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the Department of Public Safety.

City Attorney Huff noted that most changes reflected new employee titles, department names and the numbering used in the ordinances.

2016- -A. Skaggs-Dills. That an ordinance amendment to Article VII of Chapter 2 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the Department of Public Safety be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

2016-108. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 6 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the Emergency Management Department.

2016- -A. Zagel-Skaggs. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 6 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to the Emergency Management Department be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

2016-109. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets issued by the Public Safety Department.

2016- -A. Hamrick-Miller. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 13 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to appearance tickets issued by the Public Safety Department be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

2016-110. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions.

2016- -A. Duncan-Dills. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 14 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to municipal civil infractions be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “D” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-

2016-111. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 25 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to public utility emergency response.

2016- -A. Miller-Hamrick. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 25 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to public utility emergency response be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “E” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-

2016-112. Adoption of a policy for building separation variance requests.

Assistant City Manager LaFave explained the policy would be for staff’s use when speaking with residents about the variance policy and procedures.

2016- -A. Dills-Skaggs. That a policy regarding the commission’s consideration of building separation variance requests be adopted as follows:

It is the policy of the City Commission acting as the Zoning Board of Appeals that a minimum building separation of ten feet should be maintained between the principal building on a lot and any accessory building, primarily for reasons of fire safety and property access, but also to reduce undesirable bulk and massing of buildings in residential neighborhoods. While utilizing the standards for variance decisions that are listed in Chapter 50, Article 12, Section 5.103, it shall be the policy of the Commission to deny requests for reduced separation distances for residential properties that exceed 5,000 square feet in area. For lot areas that are less than 5,000 square feet, it shall be the policy of the commission to deny requests for separations of less than six feet.

Commissioner Hamrick noted the Infrastructure has discussed this issue at length and recommends the policy be adopted.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-

2016-113. Miller-Duncan. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2016- -A. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 19, 2016.

2016- -B. Report of Finance Committee on disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$205,382.80; county and school disbursements of \$143,430.84, and total remaining disbursements of \$1,503,041.43.

2016- -C. That a temporary loan of \$700,000 at 0% interest from the General Fund to the Water and Sewer fund to finance various capital projects approved in the FY2016-17 budget be approved with the following repayment schedule:

December 1, 2016	\$100,000
January 1, 2017	\$100,000
February 1, 2017	\$100,000
March 1, 2017	\$200,000
April 1, 2017	\$200,000

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until October 17, 2016.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendment to Article VII of Chapter 2
B – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 6 of Title I
C – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 13 of Title I
D – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 14 of Title I
E – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 25 of Title II

Attachments listed above are available for inspection at the office of the City Clerk.