



- Nick Jasinski, 2218 Lake Drive
  - Isidore & Cary Okoro, 840 Ross Ct
- Opposed to both variances.  
Suggested 16' setback and use of pavers to reduce stormwater runoff.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

2019-048-A. Miller-Zagel. That the request of Ryan & Kim McLaughlin of 834 Ross Court to allow the construction of a new home with a front yard setback of 13' rather than the required established average front yard setback of 20.7' be approved.

Commissioner Miller noted he struggled with the front setback request because after tearing down the old home, the applicants have almost a clean slate to work for the placement of the home. He was concerned that having the full size of the house at 13' would feel very imposing on this particular street.

Commissioner Zagel noted a front yard setback of 16' would match the homes on either side.

Commissioner Walters felt a setback of 13' would be detrimental to the surrounding properties but agreed that 16' would better match the homes on either side.

2019-048-B. Walters-Miller. That the motion be amended to allow a 16' front yard setback.

Yeas: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

Commissioner Walters felt a 16' setback would meet the variance standards and would not be detrimental to the area or conflict with the spirit of the ordinance. He felt this area was unique because of the small lots.

Commissioner Duncan stated she was still uncomfortable with a setback of 16' because of the concerns of the neighbors who have to see this every day.

Commissioner Hamrick agreed that without a front porch, this home would be more imposing than most others, but felt moving it back 3' would still allow enough turning radius for vehicles into the garage

Mayor Seibold also noted the lack of a porch would make this home more imposing from the street. She stated the applicant had lots of options once the old home is torn down and she could not support this request.

Vote on 2019-48-A., as amended:

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters and Zagel – 4  
Nays: Duncan, Miller and Seibold – 3

2019-048-C. Zagel-Favale. That the request of Ryan & Kim McLaughlin of 834 Ross Court to allow the construction of a new home with total impervious coverage by buildings and pavement of 58.6% instead of the 50% allowed be approved.

Commissioner Duncan expressed environmental concerns about storm water runoff and did not like setting a precedent by approving these types of variances.

Commissioner Miller agreed and noted the ordinance was recently amended to make it easier to comply than in prior years. He felt the applicant had options to meet this ordinance.

Commissioner Zagel also agreed there were other options to reduce the amount of impervious surface.

Mayor Seibold noted that other requests had been declined and many homeowners had made concessions on the amount of paving or used other paving materials to comply with this regulation.

Yeas: -0-

Nays: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7

- 2019-49. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Brian & Elena Gill of 2760 Lake Drive to allow the construction of an accessory structure in the front yard instead of in the rear or side yard.

Zoning Administrator Mizikar explained that accessory structures are required to be in the rear or side yards and showed a drawing noting the front, rear and side yards of this property. He noted that while this would be more challenging on this particular property, the applicants stated the proposed location is for privacy rather than necessity. The structure would be placed inside the existing fence, which is currently grandfathered but does not comply with the current fence ordinance and could not be placed in the same location if replaced in the future.

Brian Gill, 2760 Lake Drive, stated they effectively do not have a side yard and this building would be 30' from the street. He showed photos from the home and street explaining how little privacy they have behind the fence. Mr. Gill noted the building needed a southern exposure and the property drops off too much to place the building in the rear yard. He felt this was the best location for the structure because of the distance from the neighbors and the need for privacy near the pool. Mr. Gill further stated it would not be a detriment to the neighbors because it will be partially obscured by the fence and very modest compared to some outbuildings.

Elena Gill, 2760 Lake Drive, spoke about how nice looking the building will be and how they will use lots of landscaping.

Commissioner Hamrick questioned whether there were other locations for the pool. Mr. Gill stated they do not want to cut trees down to install the pool and the surrounding homes had many shade trees as well, making any other location unacceptable.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Mariel Poortenga, 2755 Hall	Opposed.
- Adam Panter, 2820 Lake Drive	In Favor.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

- 2019-049-A. Duncan-Walters. That the request of Brian & Elena Gill of 2760 Lake Drive to allow the construction of an accessory structure in the front yard instead of in the rear or side yard be approved.

Commissioner Duncan stated she could not support this request because she felt the building could be placed elsewhere. She also noted the fence may be removed some day and this building would be very out of place.

Commissioners Miller and Hamrick also agreed there were other locations on this property for the structure.

Mayor Seibold suggested the applicants consider other options for the pool, the accessory building and keep the fence ordinance in mind when designing their improvements.

Commissioner Walters noted there did not seem to be a practical difficulty in meeting the current ordinance and he did not support the variance request.

Yeas: -0-

Nays: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7

- 2019-50. Gypsy Moth management request.

Interim City Manager LaFave outlined the recommendation to provide tree band barriers to residents and to contract for aerial spraying to combat the current outbreak of Gypsy moths in the Coronado/Cornell area. He noted that the City of Grand Rapids will spray their public parks, but may not spray private property, which will limit the effectiveness of our program. He stated the spraying will be done in late May or early June and the city will use social media, e-newsletters and email blasts to communicate the exact times to the property owners affected.

Mayor Seibold opened this issue for public comment. The following people expressed their opinions:

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| - Antoinette Kuske, 1351 Cornell | Supported aerial spraying.  |
| - Patty McConnell, 2000 Coronado | Tried banding and treating the trees, but feels aerial spraying will be more effective. |

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this issue:

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| - Karin Lannon, 1145 San Jose          | Supported aerial spraying.       |
| - Mike & Sheila Eppinger, 1331 Cornell | Supported aerial spraying.       |
| - Meggen Frenndt, 1320 Cornell         | Supported aerial spraying.       |
| - Ellen Cherveney                      | Supported all treatment methods. |
| - Teri Tesseris, 1061 Plymouth         | Supported all treatment methods. |

No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public comment.

- 2019-050-A. Zagel-Duncan. To approve the purchase of tree band barriers for resident use and to approve aerial spray application of insecticide treatment for gypsy moth treatment of 38.2 acres in the amount of \$2,960.50 by Hamilton Helicopter, Inc.

Commissioner Zagel thanked the residents for the patience while staff explored all the options. He encouraged the residents to continue using the bands and other methods to control the Gypsy moths. Mayor Siebold agreed a multi-pronged approach would get the best results.

Yeas: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

- 2019-51. Resolution adopting water and sewer rates effective March 1, 2019.

Finance Director Mushong and Interim City Manager LaFave explained the proposed water and sewer rates to provide an additional \$200,000 in annual funding to continue replacing the aging water and sewer mains.

Mayor Seibold opened this issue for public comment. No public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public comment.

- 2019-051-A. Miller-Duncan. That a resolution approving new water and sewer rates and readiness-to-serve charges effective April 1, 2019 be adopted as attached in Exhibit “A.”

Yeas: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

- 2019-52. Public Safety Department Organization Modifications.

Mayor Seibold explained it is common practice to review each department’s structure and duties when there is a vacancy and noted there have been several proposals under consideration for the last few months.

Mayor Seibold opened this issue for public comment. The following people expressed their opinions:

- Dan Lobezoo, PSO Union President                      Expressed frustrations of staff and concerns for the proposals that remove the daily administrative presence. Suggested keeping the current structure in place for the time being and eventually replacing the captain position with a 40-hour per week school liaison officer to provide a higher level of police service to the schools and investigations (*hereinafter referred to as Model 7*).
- Eric Smith, Command Union President                      Noted that unions should have been consulted when discussing options as they know the daily operations best. Stated that the current model, done correctly, is the best option. Requested the issue be tabled to seek officer input.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this issue:

- EGR PSO Union    Proposing Model 7.
- EGR Command Union                                      Various suggestions; request to discuss.
- EGR Command Union                                      Suggested modifications to Model 7.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public comment.

Mayor Seibold asked commissioners to speak about their preferred restructuring model and give reasons for their choices.

Commissioner Walters spoke in favor of models 2 and 7, stating it was important to support the school liaison program. He felt Model 2 would offer oversight of office operations and save a modest amount of money. He also liked using the availability of command staff for emergencies during the day.

Commissioner Miller also favored Models 2 and 7. He felt the school liaison officer should be full-time and like the idea of rotating command personnel and increased communications.

Commissioner Hamrick agreed, noting better communication with residents and staff would be preferable. She appreciated the efficiency of Model 2.

Commissioner Duncan also supported Models 2 and 7 for the full-time liaison officer option. She felt both options could be adjusted over time if needed.

Commissioner Zagel thanked the officers for coming to the meeting and giving their input. He noted this reorganization was an opportunity to increase efficiency and reduce frustrations. He supported making the liaison officer a full-time position but did not want to see drastic change in the administrative functions. Commissioner Favale agreed.

Mayor Seibold noted that Model 2 keeps most administrative functions essentially the same but adds the full-time school liaison officer. She noted this also increases day-time continuity in the office.

2019-052-A. Zagel-Miller. To direct management to proceed with implementing a plan as close to Model 2 as possible, and to authorize the Interim City Manager and the Public Safety Director to begin work on any portion of the model that may require collective bargaining.

Commissioner Walters reiterated his support of Model 2 as minor change to the command structure while increasing school and investigative support.

Yeas:    Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays:    -0-

2019-53. Duncan-Hamrick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2019-053-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 4, 2019.

2019-053-B. Payroll disbursements of \$216,571.08; county and school disbursements of \$72,548.44, and total remaining disbursements of \$162,211.90.

2019-053-C. The proposed list of meeting dates for FY 2019-20 for the City Commission, Planning Commission, Finance Committee, Library Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission and the Board of Review.

2019-053-D. Public Safety quarterly report for the period ending December 31, 2018.

Yeas: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

2019-54. Mayor Seibold announced the Goals & Objectives work session would be held at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until March 25, 2019.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution setting water and sewer rates

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