

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Special Meeting Held June 3, 2019

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at the East Grand Rapids Community Center.

Present: Commissioners Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Tobias; Interim City Manager LaFave; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Clerk Brower; Captain Buikema; Zoning Administrator Mizikar

2019-91. Consider request to adopt a resolution adopting the FY 2019-20 budget and setting a millage rate for FY 2019-20.

Interim City Manager LaFave noted the millage rate would be set at 12.2428 which is less than last year due to the Headlee rollback requirement. He also noted that the water and sewer rates for the upcoming year had been set in March and no further adjustments were being proposed at this time.

2019-091-A. Walters-Hamrick. That a resolution adopting the FY 2019-20 budget and setting the millage rate for FY 2019-20 be adopted as attached in Exhibit "A."

Commissioner Zagel noted that residents may not feel a reduction in their property tax bills because of the increase in home values. He noted that the commission always reviews the budgeted revenues and expenditures to balance the available funding with the services and programs that our residents value. He stated that more discussions are needed to be ready for decisions that will need to be made next year.

Commissioner Walters stated he was voting in favor of the budget with reluctance because of the long-term trend of reducing the undesignated fund balance. He noted that inflation, pension plan payments and other factors will mean making some difficult decisions next year.

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

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until June 17, 2019.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Budget adoption resolution

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