

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held March 25, 2013

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

Present: Commissioners Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; Public Works Director Feldt; Public Safety Director Herald; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Assessor Mesik; City Clerk Brower

2013-38. No public comment was received.

2013-39. Mayor Seibold congratulated Commissioner Dills and Commissioner Miller on their finishes in the Barry-Roubaix bike race on March 23rd. She reported one of the City's employees had collapsed with a medical issue during the same race and was taken to the hospital. All Commissioners wished him a quick recovery.

2013-40. Consider request to confirm a new Finance Director/Treasurer.

Mayor Seibold introduced Karen Mushong as the candidate chosen as the new Finance Director/Treasurer. Ms. Mushong gave an overview of her government finance experience and looked forward to working with the City of East Grand Rapids.

A. Johnson-Goebel. That Karen Mushong be appointed as the Finance Director/Treasurer for the City of East Grand Rapids.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

2013-41. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 10.1 of Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code adopting portions of the Michigan Vehicle Code by reference.

City Attorney Huff explained that recent changes in State law now allow local jurisdictions to write tickets under local law instead of turning these cases over to the County prosecutors. He noted the City will be able to recover the additional costs of prosecuting these cases through its cost recovery ordinance and court cost systems.

A. Miller-Graham. That an ordinance amendment to Section 10.1 of Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code adopting portions of the Michigan Vehicle Code by reference be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

2013-42. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 10.3 of Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to penalties of the Michigan Vehicle Code.

- A. Johnson-Miller. That an ordinance amendment to Section 10.3 of Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to penalties of the Michigan Vehicle Code be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-

2013-43. Dills-Goebel. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Minutes of the regular meeting held March 18, 2013.
- B. Payroll disbursements of \$190,025.67; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$215,199.24.
- C. An extension of the agreement with Pleune Service Company in the amount of \$6,696.00 per year for the maintenance of the Community Center cooling system through calendar year 2015.
- D. Authorization for the Public Works Department to proceed with final design and solicitation of bids for the proposed 2013 Capital Improvement Projects as outlined in the Public Works Director memo of March 18, 2013.
- E. A final change order to the contract with CL Trucking and Excavation in the amount of \$80,055.88 for the 2012 capital improvement projects, and to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$13,600.00 from the Major Street Fund for this change order.
- F. Ratification of a contract with HA Irish Tree Service of Byron Center in the amount of \$2,900.00 for tree removal services as requested by the Public Works Department.
- G. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held March October 22, 2012. The City Commission took no action on the Traffic Commission's motion to install "No Parking" signs along the west side of Lake Grove from Lake Drive to Hall Street. The motion will take effect immediately.
- H. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held January 28, 2013. The City Commission took no action on the Traffic Commission's motion to adjust flashing traffic light schedules at all intersections to begin at 6:30 am daily. The motion will take effect immediately.

Yeas: Dills, Goebel, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until April 15, 2013.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance Amendment to Section 10.1 adopting portions of the Michigan Vehicle Code.
B – Ordinance Amendment to Section 10.3 pertaining to penalties of the Michigan Vehicle Code.

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