

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held May 5, 2014**

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the City Commission Chamber at the Community Center and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Commissioners Dills, Duncan, Goebel, Miller, Skaggs and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioner Graham

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Acting Public Works Director Lark; Finance Director Mushong; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Public Safety Director Herald; City Engineer Slonecki; City Clerk Brower

2014-51. Mayor Seibold announced the Waterfront Ordinance had been withdrawn from the agenda indefinitely pending renewal of the City's stormwater permit. She stated the City would be reviewing various options during the permitting process and would notify residents of any proposed new regulations at that time.

Commissioner Skaggs reminded everyone to vote on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

2014-52. Doug Dowling, 437 Cambridge, asked about the progress of the study that was approved on March 31<sup>st</sup> and expressed concern about the delay. Mayor Seibold stated she had contacted all the citizen representatives on the committee and staff was in the process of organizing the first meeting. She stated she wanted to make sure everything was carefully considered and thoroughly researched before any final decisions were made.

Joe Becherer, 443 Cambridge, announced there would be a speaker from the Michigan Historic Preservation Network giving a presentation at the Community Center on Tuesday, May 13, 2014 from 7-9 pm and invited everyone to attend the meeting to learn about historic preservation districts.

Bill Jacobson, 415 Cambridge, stated the citizens were still seeking a moratorium on the demolition of homes until the historic district can be studied. He noted there was currently no review process when a demolition permit application is submitted. He felt there should be a review process by staff and a notification of surrounding neighbors before approval is given.

2014-53. Miller-Goebel. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 21, 2014.
- B. To approve payroll disbursements of \$211,728.40; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$303,485.73.
- C. Replacement of ceiling tiles at the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$11,178.00 from SBC, Inc. of Grand Rapids, and related electrical work from Ada Electric in the amount of \$2,800.00 for a total project cost of \$13,978.00.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Goebel, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 6

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until May 19, 2014.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk