

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held March 2, 2015

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, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Finance Director Mushong; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Public Safety Director Herald; City Engineer Slonecki; Recording Secretary Ritzke

2015-26. Commissioner Duncan thanked the Public Works Department for keeping the streets and sidewalks clear during the past several weeks.

Commissioner Dills thanked the Grand Valley Metro Council for organizing the Urban Metro Mayors and Managers dinner on February 26, and complimented Mayor Seibold on her role as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening.

2015-27. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 10 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to nondiscrimination.

City Attorney Huff explained the ordinance amendment would add the categories of sexual orientation or gender identity to the list of prohibited discrimination.

The following people were present to express their opinions on this issue:

- Mira Krishman, 2626 Brooklyn (GR) Supported new ordinance as a competitive advantage for West Michigan.
- Susan Butler, 1440 Rosalind Proud to live in a community that offers this protection to those not previously included in the ordinance.

A. Miller-Johnson. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 10 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to nondiscrimination be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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

2015-28. Request to award a contract for the Reeds Lake Blvd culvert project.

City Engineer Slonecki explained the project to replace the culvert, roadway and the pedestrian bridge over the channel between Reeds Lake and Fisk Lake. He noted that Reeds Lake Blvd would be completely closed on either side of this project from June 6 to September 11.

A. Graham-Miller. That a contract be awarded to J.E. Kloote Contracting of Ferrysburg for the replacement of the culvert on Reeds Lake Blvd in the amount of \$667,661.00 with contingencies of \$66,766.00 for a total contract of \$734,427.00, and approval of a budget amendment of \$94,227.00 from the Major Streets Fund ending balance.

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

2015-29. Johnson-Duncan. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 16, 2015.
- B. To approve payroll disbursements of \$205,352.49; county and school disbursements of \$274,532.76, and total remaining disbursements of \$364,812.40.
- C. A two-year extension of the contract with Vredeveld Haefner LLC to conduct the annual audit in the amount of \$14,300.00 for each year.
- D. A three-year lawn maintenance contract with Thornapple Inc. for years 2015 through 2018 in the total amount of \$164,673.00.
- E. Authorization to proceed with final design and construction bids for the 2015 sanitary sewer lining program
- F. The emergency replacement of the boiler at the Public Safety Building in the amount of \$11,684.00 from Hurst Mechanical.
- G. The list of meeting dates for the City Commission and advisory boards for FY 2015-16.

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

Nays: -0-

2015-30. Emily Milanowski and Sam Ward from the High School’s “We The People” team invited everyone to attend their fundraising event on March 28. City Commissioners wished the team the best of luck in their event and upcoming competitions.

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until March 16, 2015.

Diane Ritzke, Recording Secretary

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk