

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held March 30, 2015**

Commission President Graham 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 and Skaggs

Absent: Mayor Seibold

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Finance Director Mushong; Public Safety Director Herald; Captain Buikema; City Clerk Brower

2015-39. No public comment was received.

2015-40. Commissioner Johnson thanked all who volunteered and attended the EGR Community Foundation's pancake breakfast on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Skaggs reported the city would be holding two more informational sessions on April 16 and April 21 on the upcoming Street and Sidewalk Millage and urged residents to attend the meetings with their questions about the issue.

Commissioner Graham complimented the volunteers for the pancake breakfast Saturday morning for the extremely well organized event and delicious food.

2015-41. Public Safety Director Herald summarized the 2014 annual report for the Public Safety Department and highlighted several areas that can be improved upon with the help of citizens taking steps to protect their property. He reported that the city's decision to combine the police and fire departments into a Public Safety Department in 1986 is now saving the City approximately \$1 million each year and has reduced staffing from 41 police/fire employees to 28 officers while actually increasing the number of personnel available to assist residents. Mr. Herald reported he would begin submitting a quarterly report for the Public Safety Department at the next City Commission meeting.

2015-42. Resolution authorizing the refunding of the Gaslight Village Streetscape Bonds.

Finance Director Mushong explained the proposal to refinance the bonds issued in 2005 for the Wealthy Streetscape project to benefit from lower interest rates. She reported the City would save approximately \$74,000 over the remaining life of the bonds from the refinancing.

2015- -A. Miller-Johnson. That a resolution authorizing the issuance of Michigan Transportation Fund refunding bonds, Series 2015 for the purpose of refunding the outstanding principal amount of the 2005 Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Skaggs – 6

Nays: -0-

2015-43. Duncan-Miller. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

2015- -A. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 16, 2015.

2015- -B. To approve payroll disbursements of \$197,911.04; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$368,122.72.

- 2015- -C. Revised yard waste collection regulations allowing bundled ornamental grass and prohibiting wheel-barrows and lawn carts as containers for curb collection as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.
- 2015- -D. A revision to the lease agreement with Michigan Office Solutions at a new cost of \$2,047.63 per month, which includes the replacement of three copiers and a printer as well as maintenance and supplies for other machines.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Graham, Johnson, Miller and Skaggs – 6  
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until April 20, 2015.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution approving the refunding of Michigan Transportation bonds  
B – Revised yard waste collection regulations

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