

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held April 20, 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, Skaggs and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Finance Director Mushong; Public Safety Director Herald; Zoning Administrator Faasse; City Clerk Brower; Captain Williams; Captain Buikema; Staff Sergeant Metternich, Sergeant Kolster; PSO Gruzin, PSO Conklin; PSO Hollis; PSO Asher

2015-44. No public comment was received.

2015-45. Commissioner Dills thanked resident Warren Hecker for taking the time to write a complimentary letter about a project completed by the Public Works Department staff.

2015-46. Public Safety Director Herald and Commission President Graham presented awards for several people involved in saving a resident's life during a medical emergency at Breton Downs Elementary in February. The "Chief's Citation" award was given to Breton Downs teacher Jackie Burdick for using an AED machine and performing CPR until first responders arrived. "Life Saving Awards" were presented to Sgt. Scott Kolster and PSO Pete Gruzin for their work when they arrived on the scene, and "Certificates of Recognition" were given to Staff Sgt. Jeff Metternich, PSO Eric Conklin and PSO Jon Karnes for responding from the station after hearing about the situation and assisting the personnel already on the scene.

2015-47. Public Safety Director Herald summarized the 2015 1st quarter report and explained several planned enhancements to future reports.

Mayor Seibold arrived.

2015-48. Consider request to approve the division of land at 859 Orchard and 841 Ross Court.

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained the request to transfer land from 859 Orchard to 841 Ross Court would not result in any nonconformity for either parcel.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. The following people were present to express their opinions:

- Robert Rutgers (on behalf of applicant) Explained the additional land would be used to expand the side yard of 841 Ross Court.

No other public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

2015- -A. Miller-Duncan. That the request of David & Julie King, owners of 859 Orchard to transfer 3,279 square feet to the property at 841 Ross Court owned by Michael & Mindy Klein, be approved with the following conditions:

1. The split complies with the surveys presented in the land division application; and
2. The relevant deed(s) or land contract(s) be recorded with the Kent County Registrar of Deeds within 90 days of approval.

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

Nays: -0-

2015-49. Johnson-Duncan. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- 2015- -A. To approve the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting held March 30, 2015.
- 2015- -B. To approve payroll disbursements of \$388,695.20; county and school disbursements of \$432.29, and total remaining disbursements of \$270,133.19.
- 2015- -C. The recommendation of the Public Safety Department to select the Ford Interceptor Utility SUV as the replacement for the current patrol vehicles.
- 2015- -D. A traffic study of the Lake Drive, Lakeside Drive and Breton Road intersection from URS Corporation in the amount of \$7,500.00.
- 2015- -E. The purchase of a truck with a bucket lift for the Public Works Department from Tri-County International Trucks in the amount of \$72,335 and Truck and Trailer Specialties in the amount of \$67,068.75 through the MIDeal program.
- 2015- -F. The replacement of lobby and stairway carpeting at the Community Center from Tandus/Centiva-Lansing Tile & Mosaic in the amount of \$19,000, and a related budget amendment of \$2,855 for this purchase.
- 2015- -G. Materials purchase from Graybar in the amount of \$11,346 and installation services from Windemuller Electric in the amount of \$1,800 for the conversion of streetlights on Croswell, at Remington Park and at Manhattan Park from traditional to LED fixtures.

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

2015-50. Finance Director Mushong and City Assessor Mesik provided an overview of the upcoming budget process, including financial trends, an update on current assessments and revenues, and the impact of the upcoming millage request on the May ballot.

The City Commission revised the budget worksession schedule to hold the Capital Improvement Session on May 18 and to use the May 26 date for the departmental budget worksession.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until May 4, 2015.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk