

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held June 1, 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 Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Finance Director Mushong; Zoning Administrator Faasse; City Clerk Brower; Communications Specialist Snow-Buckner; City Assessor VanderLugt

2015-62. Mayor Seibold announced the lot coverage ordinance amendment had been removed from the agenda to allow staff the time to research several questions.

2015-63. No public comment was received.

2015-64. Commissioner Dills reminded everyone the Huntington Reeds Lake Run was on Saturday, June 6. He asked everyone to respect the road closures and announced the Parks & Recreation Department was still looking for volunteers for the event.

Commissioner Miller announced the Reeds Lake Trail Blazer was also seeking volunteers for the July 4 event and that yard signs were available if anyone wanted one.

Commissioner Skaggs reported there had been several home and vehicle larcenies in his area recently and reminded everyone to lock their cars and homes. He thanked the Public Safety Department for taking all the reports and following up on the thefts.

Mayor Seibold reminded everyone that Reeds Lake Boulevard and the Reeds Lake Trail would be closed between Lakeside Drive and the Hodenpyl Rock area for the summer beginning on June 8.

2015-65. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Jane Zawacki, owner of 554 Lovett, to allow the construction of a two-family dwelling in a single-family zone, and to allow side yard setbacks of 10.0' instead of the required 20.'

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained the request to build a new home in a single-family residential zone that would be used as a two-family home at some point in the future. He showed a map detailing the different uses and densities suggested for this street by the 2006 Subarea Plan of the Comprehensive Master Plan. City Manager Donovan explained that while the Subarea Plan suggested future uses, the City's practice was generally to wait for a specific project or circumstance to begin the process of rezoning neighborhoods.

Jane Zawacki, owner of 554 Lovett, stated the proposed new home would look like a single-family home with only one entry and one two-stall garage and would be smaller than many single-family homes in the area. She felt this home would be a good buffer between the commercial properties south and east of this home. Ms. Zawacki's architect also spoke about the requested change to a multi-family home.

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

- Rob Dice, 565 Lovett

Did not object to a new home, but felt the proposed house did not fit the character of the neighborhood.

- 2015-67. A public hearing was held on the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts for placement on the July 1, 2014 tax roll. No public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing
- 2015- -A. Graham-Johnson. That the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts totaling \$54,056.79 be certified and placed on the July 1, 2015 tax roll.
- Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-
- 2015-68. Confirmation of City Assessor appointment.
- Finance Director Mushong introduced Vicki VanderLugt as the candidate to replace retiring City Assessor Vicki Mesik.
- 2015- -A. Skaggs-Graham. That Vicki VanderLugt be confirmed as the City Assessor effective July 16, 2015.
- Commissioners Graham and Skaggs thanked Vicki Mesik for her 18 years of service to the City and wished her well in her retirement.
- Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-
- 2015-69. Johnson-Miller. Motion to approve the consent agenda as follows:
- 2015- -A. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held May 18, 2015.
- 2015- -B. To approve payroll disbursements of \$206,550.46; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$580,515.48.
- 2015- -C. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held May 18, 2015.
- 2015- -D. The Joint Facilities budget for FY 2015-16 as recommended by the Joint Facilities Committee.
- 2015- -E. A Letter of Understanding with the City of Wyoming pertaining to benefits for former Public Safety Captain Charles Lark as set forth in Exhibit “B” attached hereto.
- Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until June 15, 2015.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendment to Sections 5.28, 5.70 and 5.114 regarding zoning requirements
B – Letter of Understanding with City of Wyoming

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