

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 16, 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; Public Safety Director Herald; Finance Director Mushong; Captain Buikema; City Clerk Brower; Sgt. Perez, Public Safety Officers Katje, Gruzin, Lobbezoo, Kreiner and Karnes; Communications Specialist Snow-Buckner

2015-119. No public comment was received.

2015-120. Commissioner Graham thanked all the family and friends of those receiving awards for attending the meeting this evening.

Commissioner Duncan congratulated Mayor Seibold, Commissioner Miller, Chad Zagel and Karey Hamrick on their election results on November 3.

Mayor Seibold also congratulated those winning the recent election and thanked the residents who took the time to participate in the November 3rd election.

Mayor Seibold announced that Amy Snow-Buckner would be taking a new position with the City of Grand Rapids and would no longer be working on communications for East Grand Rapids. Mayor Seibold thanked Amy for her wonderful work over the past eleven months and wished her good luck in the future.

2015-121. Public Safety Director Herald presented a life-saving award to Public Safety Officer Jon Karnes for his actions on August 18, 2015 in reviving a patron at a local business who had suffered a heart attack. He also presented a Unit Citation to Staff Sergeant Eric Smith and Public Safety Officers Kelly Kreiner, Pete Gruzin and Dan Lobbezoo. Mr. Joseph Vanessendelft was presented with the Chief's Citation for assisting the Public Safety Department on that day.

2015-122. Preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held October 26, 2015 regarding the staff recommendations for the reconstruction of the Lake/Breton/Lakeside intersection in 2016.

Assistant City Manager LaFave reviewed the Traffic Commission's decisions to extend the no parking zone on Breton Road south of Lake Drive, to remove the planned median to stop drivers turning left into the middle school from Lake Drive, and to remove the planned relocation of the middle school driveway off Lake Drive.

After an extended discussion, the City Commission decided it would be best to relocate the Lake Drive entrance to the middle school per staff's recommendation to allow better sight distance and flow of traffic around cars waiting to turn into the middle school and to ratify the decision to use a painted no turning zone instead of a physical median to deter vehicles from turning left. Several commissioners felt that if the painted zone was not enough to deter traffic, a median could be installed at a later date.

Commissioner Dills spoke in favor of adding the median back to the plans because it would be less expensive during the initial construction. Chief Herald also noted that a physical barrier would be better at deterring vehicles.

2015- -A. Skaggs-Duncan. To amend the motion of the Traffic Commission to move the middle school entrance to the west as recommended by staff.

Yeas: Duncan, Graham, Johnson, Miller, Skaggs and Seibold – 6
Nays: Dills – 1

Mr. LaFave then reviewed the Traffic Commission's decision to ask staff to study the recommended traffic bumpouts along Lake Drive recommended for speed reduction. The engineers had recommended bumpouts at BellClaire, Princeton and Kenesaw. The Traffic Commission had removed the recommended bumpout at Kenesaw because there was already a crosswalk at this location and had asked staff to further study this issue.

Commissioner Johnson reported many students crossed Lake Drive at the Kenesaw crosswalk and felt a bumpout would make this location safer.

2015- -B. Johnson-Miller. To amend the motion of the Traffic Commission to add the additional bumpout at Kenesaw as recommended by staff.

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

Graham-Johnson. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2015- -C. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 2, 2015.

2015- -D. Report of Finance Committee on disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$283,431.07; county and school disbursements of \$24,851.06, and total remaining disbursements of \$187,815.49.

2015- -E. A resolution amending the FY 2015-16 budget for the quarter ending September 30, 2015 as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

2015- -F. A resolution opting out of the health care premium requirements under State of Michigan Public Act 152 for the calendar year 2016 as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

2015- -G. The quarterly financial reports for the period ended September 30, 2015.

2015- -H. Preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held September 28, 2015.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until December 7, 2015.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution approving budget amendments for September 30, 2015.
B – Resolution opting out of PA 152 requirements

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