

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held March 21, 2016**

Commission President Dills 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, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs and Zagel

Absent: Commissioner Duncan and Mayor Seibold

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director Mushong; City Clerk Brower

2016-30. No public comment was received.

2016-31. Commissioner Zagel reported that Governor Snyder had spoken at the Economic Club luncheon earlier in the day and presented some of his plans for addressing the issues in Flint and other areas.

Commissioner Skaggs commended the voters of East Grand Rapids for the 53% turnout in the March 8 election and thanked the staff and election workers who put in a long day at the polls.

Commissioner Miller stated the Irish Jig event on March 19 was well attended and well run by the organizers. He thanked the Public Safety Department for all their work to keep the participants and spectators safe.

President Dills announced the city had added a lead information sheet to the website. He also announced that two information sessions would be held in April prior to the discussion on a proposed water/sewer rate increase.

2016-32. Public Safety Director Herald presented the Public Safety Department's Annual Report for 2015 and answered questions from the City Commission. He highlighted the department's new partnership with the EGR Community Foundation to promote bike safety and the low crime rates in East over the years.

City Manager Donovan also noted that medical assistance is a very important part of the Public Safety Department's daily operations.

2016-33. Zagel-Miller. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2016- -A. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 7, 2016.

2016- -B. Report of Finance Committee on disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$211,535.43; county and school disbursements of \$43,162.64, and total remaining disbursements of \$510,403.84.

2016- -C. A contract with Davey Resource Group of Kent, Ohio in the amount of \$30,750 for an inventory and condition report of trees in the public right-of-way with partial funding coming from a Department of Natural Resources grant of \$15,000.00.

2016- -D. A contract with Lodestar Construction of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$135,000 for the replacement of sidewalk sections as specified by the Public Works Department.

2016- -E. A change order for the contract with Corby Energy Services of Belleville, Michigan in the amount of \$83,211 for lining of additional sections of sanitary sewer.

2016- -F. A five-year contract with PLM Lake and Land Management of Caledonia for annual water quality testing and periodic treatment of weeds and algae at an annual cost of \$12,000 to \$16,000, depending on the amount of treatment needed.

2016- -G. The Public Safety Department's quarterly report for the period ended December 31, 2015.

2016- -H.       The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held February 8, 2016.

Yeas:   Dills, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs and Zageł – 5

Nays:   -0-

2016-34.      City Manager Donovan and the department directors presented highlights of the 2016-17 Goals & Objectives booklet and answered questions from the City Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until March 28, 2016.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk