

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 7, 2016

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, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zigel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioner Duncan

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Public Safety Director Herald; Finance Director Mushong; Zoning Administrator Faasse; City Clerk Brower

2016-124. No public comment was received.

2016-125. Commissioner Dills reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Miller asked citizens to be very careful when driving in the dark mornings when children are walking and biking to school.

Commissioner Skaggs thanked the clerk's staff for all their preparation work for tomorrow's election and thanked the many election workers who will be working at the various precincts.

Commissioner Zigel noted that things are going well in Gaslight Village with one business expanding and new businesses coming soon.

Mayor Seibold reported she had recently met with Jade Pig Ventures for an update on their properties in Gaslight Village as well.

Commissioner Zigel announced the annual tree lighting ceremony would be held on Friday, November 25 from 5 to 8 p.m. with the usual music, s'mores and visit from Santa.

Mayor Seibold thanked City Clerk Brower and the Finance Department staff for all the time spent preparing for the election – especially for issuing and organizing all the absentee ballots submitted by residents.

2016-126. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Jacques Cyr of 2220 Argentina to allow the construction of an attached garage with a rear yard setback of 18' instead of the required 25.'

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained the request to remove the detached garage and build a new garage attached to the home, creating a reduced rear yard setback.

Commissioner Miller asked if a 2nd story could be added over the garage in the future. Mr. Faasse stated that once the variance was granted to allow the setback, the garage could be renovated to add a second story as long as the setback was not changed. Mr. Faasse added the proposed garage addition did not necessitate a lot coverage variance.

Jacques Cyr, 2220 Argentina, explained the attached garage would allow them to maximize the greenspace on their property. He noted they were not planning a second story or a pitched roof on the garage to avoid blocking a bedroom window.

2016- -A. Hamrick-Dills. That an ordinance amendment to Article V of Chapter 41 of Title IV of the City Code pertaining to house moving be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “C” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 6
Nays: -0-

2016-130. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Article I of Chapter 77 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to recreation, amusements and games.

2016- -A. Miller-Zagel. That an ordinance amendment to Article I of Chapter 77 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to recreation, amusements and games be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “D” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 6
Nays: -0-

2016-131. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 92 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to animal control.

2016- -A. Zagel-Skaggs. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 92 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to animal control be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “E” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 6
Nays: -0-

2016-132. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to miscellaneous offenses.

2016- -A. Dills-Hamrick. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 93 of Title IX of the City Code pertaining to miscellaneous offenses be introduced as set forth in Exhibit “F” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 6
Nays: -0-

2016-133. Zagel-Hamrick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2016- -A. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 17, 2016.

2016- -B. Report of Finance Committee on disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$256,388.72; county and school disbursements of \$104,476.17, and total remaining disbursements of \$779,137.04.

2016- -C. Contracts with Symetra as the stop loss carrier, with Physician’s Care as the PPO provider and with Madison National Life for life, accidental death and dismemberment and long-term disability coverage as recommended by the Finance Director in the memo dated October 17, 2016.

2016- -D. The quarterly financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2016.

2016- -E. An extension of the contract with Twin Lakes Nursery of Grand Rapids for the annual tree planting program as outlined in the agenda memo.

Yeas: Dills, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zagel and Seibold – 6
Nays: -0-

2016- -F. Miller-Dills. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dills, Hamrick, Miller, Skaggs, Zage and Seibold – 6
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until November 21, 2016.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendment to Section 5.27 of Chapter 50
B – Ordinance amendment to repeal Articles 1-4 of Chapter 33
C – Ordinance amendment to Article V of Chapter 41
D – Ordinance amendment to Article I of Chapter 77
E – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 92 of Title IX
F – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 93 of Title IX

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