

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held January 3, 2017**

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, Miller, Zagel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioner Hamrick

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

2017-1. No public comment was received.

2017-2. Commissioner Miller thanked the Public Safety Department for providing assistance to the Grand Rapids Police Department in January with a situation involving shots fired at a Grand Rapids officer.

Commissioner Zagel announced that Kilwin's Fudge would be the new tenant in the storefront formerly occupied by Sweetielicious.

City Manager Donovan reminded residents that the City would be picking up Christmas trees and wreaths until Friday, January 13 when placed on the curb next to the roadway.

Mayor Seibold reported she had provided breakfast to the Public Safety officers on duty on New Year's morning as a thank you for all they do to keep our city safe.

2017-3. Lake Drive Sidewalk Special Assessment District.

Assistant City Manager LaFave explained the need to hold a hearing on the necessity of the sidewalk improvement and then adopt a resolution setting the interest rate and setting a final public hearing on the assessment roll.

City Manager Donovan noted that the 2015 Street & Sidewalk millage would be funding 80% of the new sidewalk and residents would pay the remaining 20% according to the frontage on the sidewalk. Property owners will have the option of paying the assessment in one lump sum to avoid any interest charges or setting up a payment plan over 10 years.

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

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| - Alexander Miller, 1350 Woodshire | Voted no because they already have a sidewalk on the Woodshire side of their property and won't ever use the new sidewalk. Felt the new sidewalk would benefit the other property owners and wondered why they had to share the cost of a sidewalk they wouldn't use.  |
| - Mary Jane Miller, 1350 Woodshire | Felt that Calvin College should share in the cost as their students would be the ones using it most. City Manager Donovan noted that the other property owners were paying a larger proportional share because the Millers already had a sidewalk on the other frontage. He also stated that Calvin College was not required to participate in the special assessment district because their property did not front on the new sidewalk. |

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

2017- -A. Miller-Dills. That a resolution determining the necessity of the Lake Drive Sidewalk Special Assessment District as a public improvement be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Miller, Zagel and Seibold – 5  
Nays: -0-

2017- -B. Duncan-Miller. That the assessment roll for the Lake Drive Sidewalk Special Assessment District as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto be certified as correct.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Miller, Zagel and Seibold – 5  
Nays: -0-

2017- -C. Dills-Zagel. That a resolution setting a hearing on the assessment roll for the Lake Drive Sidewalk Special Assessment District for February 6, 2017 at 6 p.m. be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Miller, Zagel and Seibold – 5  
Nays: -0-

2017-4. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 31 of Title III of the City Code pertaining to parks general regulations.

2017- -. Miller-Dills. That an ordinance to amend Chapter 31 of Title III of the City Code pertaining to parks general regulations be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Miller, Zagel and Seibold – 5  
Nays: -0-

2017-5. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 31 of Title III of the City Code pertaining to rules and regulations for public parks.

2017- -. Zagel-Miller. That an ordinance to amend Article I of Chapter 31 of Title III of the City Code pertaining to rules and regulations for public parks be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "E" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Miller, Zagel and Seibold – 5  
Nays: -0-

2017-6. Final Reading of an ordinance to add Chapter 33 to Title III of the City Code pertaining to media production on public property.

2017- -. Zagel-Duncan. That an ordinance to add Chapter 33 to Title III of the City Code pertaining to media production on public property be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "F" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Miller, Zagel and Seibold – 5  
Nays: -0-

2017-7. Final Reading of an ordinance to add Chapter 35 to Title III of the City Code pertaining to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

2017- -. Dills-Miller. That an ordinance to add Chapter 35 to Title III of the City Code pertaining to the Parks & Recreation Commission be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "G" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Miller, Zagel and Seibold – 5  
Nays: -0-

2017-8. Dills-Zagel. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2017- -. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held December 19, 2016.

2017- -A. Report of Finance Committee on disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$217,407.11; county and school disbursements of \$300,104.29, and total remaining disbursements of \$261,578.47.

2017- -B. The purchase of computer hardware from Ocean Inc. in the amount of \$6,588.00.

2017- -C. A contract with RAM Construction Services of Wyoming in the amount of \$8,400.00 for the waterproofing of the elevator hoistway pit at the Community Center.

2017- -D. Contracts for the remodeling of the kitchen at the Public Safety Building as follows: Dave Klomprens Builders for \$5,794.94 for general contractor services; Decker and Sons in the amount of \$5,330.00 for appliances; Flooring America in the amount of \$781.60 for flooring; Rivershores Building Products in the amount of \$3,220.00; Premiere Granite and Stone in the amount of \$2,783.13 for countertops and approval of \$7,090.33 for miscellaneous costs and project contingencies for a grant total not to exceed \$25,000.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Miller, Zagel and Seibold – 5

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until January 16, 2017.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Lake Drive Sidewalk Special Assessment District Resolution Determining Necessity  
B – Lake Drive Sidewalk Special Assessment District Certified Assessment Roll  
C – Lake Drive Sidewalk Special Assessment District Resolution Setting Haring on Assessment Roll  
D – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 31 of Title III  
E – Ordinance amendment to Article I of Chapter 31 of Title III  
F – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 33 of Title III  
G – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 35 of Title III

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