

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held February 20, 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, Hamrick, Miller, Schad, Zagel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Finance Director Mushong; City Clerk Brower; Communications Specialist Greenleaf

2017-23. Peter Dimitriou, 2621 Inverness SE, reported on a climate change event he recently attended at the University of Michigan.

2017-24. Commissioners Dills and Miller thanked the members of the Public Safety Department for their rescue of a fisherman who had fallen through thin ice on Sunday, Feb 19. Mayor Seibold also thanked the Public Safety officers for saving the man and urged everyone to stay off the ice.

Commissioner Miller reminded everyone that even though the weather has been nice enough to do yard work, containers cannot be put out by the curb until the yard waste pickup program resumes in April.

2017-25. Minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2017.

2017- -A. Miller-Zagel. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 6, 2017.

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

2017-26. Approval of disbursement of funds.

2017- -. Zagel-Hamrick. To approve payroll disbursements of \$439,464.94; county and school disbursements of \$410,848.62, and total remaining disbursements of \$572,577.43.

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

2017-27. City Clerk Brower administered the oath of office to 1st Ward City Commissioner Diana Schad. Commissioner Schad then took her seat on the City Commission.

2017-28. The meeting scheduled for Monday, April 3 was rescheduled to Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m. to avoid a lack of quorum over spring break.

2017-29. Contract for communications program for Gaslight Village Business Association.

Commissioner Zagel explained a new collaboration between the city and the Gaslight Village Business Association to use Sabo Public Relations to assist with communication efforts of the village and its events. The GVBA will pay \$1,000 per year for the services and the city will pay the remaining \$8,000 of the contract. This agreement will be evaluated after one year to determine effectiveness.

- 2016- -A. Hamrick-Dills. That a contract with Sabo PR to provide the Gaslight Village Business Association with communications services at a cost of \$9,000 per year be approved with funding of \$8,000 per year from the City's general fund and \$1,000 from the Gaslight Village Business Association.

Commissioner Miller felt this was a great way to help local business that served the EGR community.

Mayor Seibold stated this arrangement was a great opportunity to work together and support each entity's efforts to communicate with residents.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Schad, Zagel and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

- 2017-30. Duncan-Hamrick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2017- -. The purchase of four portable radios for the Public Works Department from Motorola Solutions of Michigan through the State of Michigan MiDeal contract in the amount of \$6,253.00.

2017- -A. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held January 9, 2017.

2017- -B. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held January 23, 2017.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Schad, Zagel and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until February 20, 2017.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk