

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held May 15, 2017**

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:01 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; Public Safety Director Herald; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Zoning Administrator Faasse; City Clerk Brower; Communications Specialist Greenleaf; Planning Consultant LeBlanc

2017-57. No public comment was received.

2017-58. Commissioner Zagel gave an update on local businesses opening soon in Gaslight Village.

Mayor Seibold thanked the commissioners and staff for their kind messages of support over the last few weeks after her mother passed away.

City Commissioners congratulated Assistant City Manager LaFave and his wife on the birth of their daughter last week.

2017-59. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 81 of Title VIII of the City Code pertaining to sign regulations.

Planning Consultant LeBlanc noted that the language that was missing from the tables had been corrected. He explained the use of the term "right-of-way" line in the setback sections was used for consistency with other sections but did not change the regulations significantly.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing on this ordinance amendment. No public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

2017- -A. Schad-Duncan. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 81 of Title VIII of the City Code pertaining to sign regulations be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Zagel noted that the city commission may eventually hear variance requests on some of the sign regulations as businesses change.

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

Nays: -0-

2017-60. Metro Act Right-of Way Permit and license agreement for a Distributed Antenna System (DAS)/Small Cellular system.

Assistant City Manager LaFave explained the request to place a barrel-shaped antenna system on an existing utility pole on Plymouth Ave near the exit from Blodgett Hospital to boost data coverage in this area. Mr. LaFave explained these are the smallest units available and are similar to other electrical and utility boxes located on poles in the surrounding areas. He stated these antennas are currently under the purview of local jurisdictions but the State may include them in the Metro Act permits in the future.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. No public comment was received. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

2017- -A. Zagel-Miller. That a modified Metro Act right-of-way permit and a five-year license agreement for a Distributed Antenna System (DAS)/Small Cellular System with KEPS Technologies, Inc. d/b/a AC.net of Lansing, Michigan be adopted as set forth in Exhibits "B" and "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Schad, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

2017-61. Duncan-Hamrick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2017- -. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 2017.

2017- -A. Payroll disbursements of \$240,586.59; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$161,789.36.

2017- -B. A contract with Fer-Pal Construction USA of Taylor, Michigan at an estimated amount of \$310,000 for the placement of water main cured in place pipe on Wealthy Street.

2017- -C. A five-year proposal from Miller Johnson Attorneys to provide labor attorney services at the hourly rates specified in their proposal.

2017- -D. A four-year contract for cleaning services for City facilities with United Commercial Services of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$144,012.00 for the first two years and optional renewals for years three and four.

2017- -E. The purchase of a 4-ton pothole patch/recycling machine from Falcon Road Maintenance of Midland through the State of Michigan bid in the amount of \$24,260.00.

2017- -F. A contract with Groundhawk Excavating of Lowell in the amount of \$14,800 and project contingencies of \$1,480 for drainage improvements to the unimproved section of the southshore of Reeds Lake Boulevard.

2017- -G. Preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held April 10, 2017.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Schad, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

2017-62. Miller-Zagel. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss collective bargaining agreements in accordance with Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Schad, Zagel and Seibold – 7  
Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until June 5, 2017.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 81 regarding sign regulations  
B – Metro Act Permit with KEPS Technologies, Inc. d/b/a AC.net  
C – Metro Act License Agreement with KEPS Technologies, Inc. d/b/a AC.net

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