

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held July 17, 2017

Mayor Seibold called the meeting to order at 6:02 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, Miller, Schad, Zagel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioners Duncan and Hamrick

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

2017-100. No public comment was received.

2017-101. Commissioners Dills and Miller thanked the members of the Public Works Department for the huge cleanup effort following the storm of July 7, 2017.

Commissioner Schad also thanked the Public Works crews and commended the Parks & Recreation Department for all their work on the 4th of July activities.

Commissioner Zagel complimented Parks & Recreation Director Bunn and his entire staff for all a wonderful 4th of July. He also thanked the citizens for their patience during the Wealthy Street construction project.

Mayor Seibold thanked the Public Works Department and the construction company for maintaining one-way traffic on Wealthy Street so that people could still get to their favorite businesses during the reconstruction. She also noted the fantastic fireworks on July 4 and thanked the family and friends of Eileen DeVries for making the expanded show possible.

2017-102. Jaimee Conroy of PLM Lake & Land Management Corporation reviewed the 2016 Reeds Lake water quality report and answered questions from the city commissioners. She noted the goals for the lake treatment program, gave an overview of the treatment plans for invasive species and reported that the last test showed no e-coli in the water. She stated that the water quality was good for a developed suburban lake and that the city was taking a very progressive stance in maintaining the water quality.

2017-103. Public Hearing and Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 5.20 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code to rezone 23 parcels from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 Single Family Residential.

Planning Consultant Paul LeBlanc outlined the rezoning request that will result in 19 currently nonconforming properties complying with current zoning regulations. He recommended rezoning the parcels.

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

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| - Steve Kretschman, 929 San Jose | Stated R-2 was more compatible with the original plat and how the area has developed over time. |
| - Paul Kratochwill, 2011 Argentina | Supported the rezoning request. |
| - Ray Loeschner, 2565 Frederick | Supported the request as a former resident of San Jose |

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

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| - David Ziegler, 944 San Lucia | In Favor. |
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- Paul Kratochwill, 2011 Argentina In Favor.

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

2017- -A. Zagel-Miller. That an ordinance amendment to Section 5.20 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code to rezone 23 parcels from R-1 Single Family Residential to R-2 Single Family Residential be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Commissioner Miller noted that he lives nearby and feels this is a logical request as it would increase conformity without other consequences.

Commissioner Zagel also supported the request as he favored having more homes in compliance with zoning ordinances.

Commissioner Dills noted the support of all the neighbors and felt this was a great end to this process.

Mayor Seibold noted that while it was unusual for a group of property owners to request rezoning, this particular case made sense and she supported the rezoning.

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

Nays: -0-

2017-104. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Heather Downs Community Pool Association of 2100 Heather to allow the construction of a shade structure with a side yard setback of 6' instead of the required 20'.

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained the request to replace an existing pergola structure with a covered shade structure attached to the building. The posts of the new structure would be 6' from the lot line with a one-foot overhang.

Brian Kane, 2210 Stratford Court, President of the pool association, showed a three-dimensional rendering of the proposed structure and a letter of support from the next door neighbor.

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

- Katie Baker, 1410 Laurel Noted pergola needs repair and this structure will provide more protection from the weather.

- Nancy Ballast, 1418 Pinecrest Felt this was a very cost-effective improvement.

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

2017- -A. Miller-Zagel. That the request of Heather Downs Community Pool Association of 2100 Heather to allow the construction of a shade structure with a side yard setback of 6' instead of the required 20' be approved with the conditions that the structure remain open on the sides without walls, windows or screens.

Commissioner Miller felt the pool association was a great asset to the neighborhood and he supported this new addition. Commissioners Schad and Dills agreed this would be a great improvement.

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

Nays: -0-

2017-105. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 2 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to administrative service descriptions.

2017- -A. Dills-Miller. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 2 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to administrative service descriptions be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Miller, Schad, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2017-106. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 3 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to administrative policy and procedures.

2017- -A. Miller-Zagal. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 3 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to administrative policy and procedures be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “C” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Miller, Schad, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2017-107. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment Chapter 5 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to purchases, contracts and sales.

2017- -A. Zagal-Miller. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 5 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to purchases, contracts and sales be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “D” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Miller, Schad, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2017-108. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 7 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to special assessments.

2017- -A. Schad-Dills. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 7 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to special assessments be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “E” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Miller, Schad, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2017-109. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to water and sewer rates.

2017- -A. Zagal-Miller. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 24 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to water and sewer rates be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “F” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Miller, Schad, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2017-110. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Chapter 78 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to lawn contractors and snow removal contractors.

2017- -A. Miller-Schad. That an ordinance amendment to Chapter 78 of Title VII of the City Code pertaining to lawn contractors and snow removal contractors be adopted as set forth in Exhibit “G” attached hereto.

Yeas: Dills, Miller, Schad, Zagal and Seibold – 5
Nays: -0-

2017-111. Zagal-Schad. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2017- -. The minutes of the regular meeting held July 3, 2017.

2017- -A. Payroll disbursements of \$231,355.19; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$676,968.15.

- 2017- -B. The purchase of road salt for the 2017-18 winter season from Compass Minerals America of Overland Park, Kansas in the amount of \$45.43 per ton.
- 2017- -C. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held June 12, 2017.
- 2017- -D. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held June 13, 2017.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until August 7, 2017.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance Amendment to Section 5.20 rezoning 23 parcels to R-2 Single Family Residential
B – Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 2 pertaining to administrative service descriptions
C – Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 3 pertaining to administrative policy and procedures
D – Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 5 pertaining to purchases, contracts and sales
E – Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 7 pertaining to special assessments
F – Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 24 pertaining to water and sewer rates
G – Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 78 pertaining to lawn and snow removal contractors

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