

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held September 5, 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; Public Safety Director Herald; City Clerk Brower; Public Safety Officer Wallace

2017-128. Peter Dimitriou, 2621 Inverness, GR, asked the city to encourage a carbon tax as a show of support for the fight against climate change. He noted that global warming was to blame for the recent devastating hurricanes.

2017-129. Commissioner Dills noted the Reeds Lake Triathlon would require road closures on Saturday morning and asked everyone to drive carefully for the safety of the athletes and spectators.

Commissioner Miller thanked the Public Safety Department for the information disseminated after the recent vehicle break-ins and urged residents to lock their cars and homes.

Commissioner Hamrick asked everyone to consider volunteering for the Reeds Lake Triathlon on Saturday.

Commissioner Zagel reminded everyone of the public master plan sessions on Tuesday, September 12.

2017-130. City Clerk Brower administered the oath of office to Public Safety Officer Collin Wallace.

2017-131. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Sections 1.510, 1.511 and 1.513 of Chapter 9 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to city elections.

City Attorney Huff explained the minor changes to the ordinance were due to changes in the primary election dates and filing deadlines in State election law.

2017- -A. Miller-Zagel. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 1.510, 1.511 and 1.513 of Chapter 9 of Title I of the City Code pertaining to city elections be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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

Nays: -0-

2017-132. Resolution amending the assessment roll for the Lake Drive Sidewalk special assessment project.

Assistant City Manager LaFave explained the project, which was finished in early July, came in under budget and that it was necessary to amend the assessment roll to reflect the lower costs.

City Manager Donovan noted that residents could pay the assessments in one lump sum or make payments over time. The current primate rate is 4.25%, so the interest rate on assessments paid over time will be 5.25%.

2017- -A. Hamrick-Duncan. That a resolution amending the special assessment roll for the Lake Drive sidewalk special assessment project be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

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

Nays: -0-

2017-133. Dills-Schad. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2017- -. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 21, 2017.

2017- -A. Payroll disbursements of \$221,738.71; county and school disbursements of \$15,112,271.74, and total remaining disbursements of \$1,609,902.77.

2017- -B. The appointment of Mary Dersch of 956 Lakeside and Erik Daly of 1240 Breton to the Library Commission and the appointment of Elizabeth Mitchell of 1146 San Jose and Nicholas Abraham of 1108 Lakeside to the Parks & Recreation Commission for terms ending June 30, 2018.

2017- -C. A traffic control order for the placement of “No Parking, Monday-Friday, 9 am – 5 pm” signs on portions of Edgemere and Belvedere adjacent to Wealthy Street per MMUTCD standards as outlined in the map prepared by the Assistant City Manager.

2017- -D. The purchase of a speed trailer from Decatur electronics of Santee, California at a cost of \$7,875.00.

2017- -E. The quarterly financial reports for the period ended June 30, 2017.

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

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until September 18, 2017.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 9 regarding city elections
B – Resolution amending the assessment roll for the Lake Drive Sidewalk special assessment project

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