

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held September 18, 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; Public Safety Director Herald; Finance Director Mushong; City Clerk Brower

2017-134. Peter Dimitriou, 2621 Inverness (GR), thanked the city for the opportunity to participate in the recent master plan sessions and talked about weather events and climate change.

Bryan Walters, 1039 Pinecrest, suggested the city give plenty of opportunity for public input on the draft of the master plan when completed.

2017-135. Commissioner Schad announced the Hearts of Gold football game would be held Friday as a benefit for the Kids Food Basket organization.

Commissioner Zagel announced the grand openings of the James Salon renovations and Kilwins Fudge this week in East Grand Rapids. He also complimented the master plan sessions last week and all the great input and suggestions that came from those attending.

Commissioner Hamrick felt the master plan sessions were very valuable and appreciated all of the maps and drawings used. She reported she had recently attended the Michigan Municipal League conference and would be sharing several ideas she picked up at the sessions.

Commissioner Dills thanked the staff and volunteers for the well run Reeds Lake Triathlon on September 9.

Mayor Seibold thanked the Public Safety Department for their work on the recent break-ins and the attempted robbery last weekend.

City Manager Donovan noted the Planning Commission meetings in October, November and December would be the next steps in the Master Plan process and asked everyone to put these on their calendars.

2017-136. City Clerk Brower gave a demonstration of the new city website that will launch on September 19.

2017-137. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Stephen Kusmierczak, owner of 230 El Centro, to allow the construction of a new home with a front yard setback of 16.2' instead of the required 30.0.'

Assistant City Manager LaFave explained the default setback for this lot would be 30' due to the curve of the road making it impossible to establish an average setback.

Stephen Kusmierczak, owner of 230 El Centro, was present to explain the plans for a new home that would fit in the neighborhood and preserve the mature trees on the lot.

