

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 16, 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 and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioner Zagel

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Public Safety Director Herald; Zoning Administrator Faasse; City Clerk Brower

2017-146. Robert VanKirk, 1206 Lee SW, reported that the Rapid bus drivers had been without a contract for 2½ years and were experiencing significant monthly costs because of the lack of contract. He stated that EGR elected officials were not elected to break up unions and asked that the Rapid continue negotiations with the union.

Pete Rickertson, 2615 McKee, stated the drivers want to keep the option of daily overtime or a regular schedule and have agreed to management's pension offer. He felt the Rapid board should do what the EGR voters wanted when they approved the last millage.

Douglas Straight, 35 28th St, has seen the problems and supports the drivers.

Courtney Harps, 1947 Galewood, stated she relies on the bus service and wants the drivers to have a fair contract.

2017-147. Commissioner Schad announced the Middle School had recently raised \$29,000 for their school by hosting a cardboard boat regatta on Reeds Lake and congratulated all those involved in this great event.

2017-148. Miller-Schad. Motion to add to the agenda the renewal of a franchise agreement for cable television with AT&T Michigan. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Schad and Seibold – 6

Nays: -0-

2017-149. Request to approve the division of land at 439 Manhattan.

Zoning Administrator Faasse explained that both parcels resulting from the lot split would meet the zoning standards and conform with others in the neighborhood.

Jim James of Caldwell Banker was present to represent the owners and offered to answer any questions.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Jennifer Clary, 337 Manhattan	No objection.
- Ann Saltsman, 2905 Reeds Lake Blvd	No objection.
- Hillary & Ben Lane, 345 Manhattan	No objection.
- Tim Macdonald, 2935 Reeds Lake Blvd	No objection.
- August Treu, 2958 Reeds Lake Blvd	No objection.
- Jackie Educato, 2930 Reeds Lake Blvd	No objection.
- Aday & Nick Venlet, 2954 Reeds Lake Blvd	No objection.
- Tyler Shemberger, 2955 Reeds Lake Blvd	No objection.
- John Educato, 2930 Reeds Lake Blvd	No objection.

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

2010- -A. Duncan-Schad. That the request of Barbara Keller and John Miller, owners of 439 Manhattan, to divide the property into two conforming parcels with a vacant parcel to the north with a frontage of 112' and a depth of 200' and the parcel containing the existing home with 105' of frontage and a depth of 200' be approved, with the following conditions:

1. The split complies with the surveys and legal descriptions presented in the land division application; and
2. The relevant deed(s) or land contract(s) be recorded with the Kent County Registrar of Deeds within 90 days of approval.

Mayor Seibold questioned whether drainage would be an issue when a new home is built on the vacant lot. Mr. Faasse stated that a drainage plan would be required during the building permit process.

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

Mayor Seibold presented Zoning Administrator Faasse with a proclamation commemorating his retirement on October 17, 2017 and thanked him for all of the work involved on zoning issues over the last nine years. Public Works Director LaFave also presented a plaque thanking Mr. Faasse for his years of service to the department and the citizens of East Grand Rapids. City Commissioners wished him well in his retirement.

2017-150. Renewal of franchise agreement for cable television.

City Attorney Huff explained the new renewal agreement contained no substantive changes and would extend the provisions of the existing franchise for 10 years until 2028. He noted the city receives fees from AT&T for the use of the right-of-way.

2017- -A. Miller-Hamrick. That a cable consent agreement renewal with AT&T Michigan be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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

2017-151. Duncan-Dills. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2017- -. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 2, 2017.

2017- -A. Payroll disbursements of \$219,908.29; county and school disbursements of \$71,025.25, and total remaining disbursements of \$837,664.40.

2017- -B. Contracts with Kent County Road Commission in the amount of \$26,555.74 for mastic repairs, A-1 Asphalt for skip patching and patch repairs in the amount of \$44,000 plus 10% contingency and A-1 Asphalt for concrete construction on Wealthy Street in the amount of \$13,980 with 10% contingency carried over from the FY2016-17 to FY2017-18.

2017- -C. A contract with Twin Lakes Nursery for the annual tree planting program at the quantity pricing shown in their bid dated September 28, 2017.

2017- -D. A contract with Moore & Bruggink for assistance developing an Asset Management Plan for the water utility system in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.00.

2017- -E. A contract with Robertson Research Institute in the amount of \$8,500.00 for a research and performance enhancement program for Public Safety Department personnel.

Public Safety Director Herald explained the program would evaluate each participating officer and develop an individual wellness program for each person. He stated the program was being funded through a donation from a local resident. Mayor Seibold encouraged all members of the department to take advantage of this program.

2017- -F. The purchase of a Bobcat Toolcat 5600 Utility Work Machine in the amount of \$59,322.38 from Carleton Equipment of Byron Center utilizing the State of Michigan MIDeal contract.

2017- -G. The purchase of a replacement lift station pump from Kerr Pump and Supply in the amount of \$5,286.30.

2017- -H. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held August 14, 2017.

2017- -I. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held September 12, 2017.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Schad and Seibold – 6

Nays: -0-

2017-152. ~~Dills-Duncan~~. Motion to enter into an executive session to conduct a periodic personnel evaluation of the City Manager in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Dills, Duncan, Hamrick, Miller, Schad and Seibold – 6

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until November 6, 2017.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Cable franchise agreement with AT&T

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