

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held March 26, 2018

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 Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Mayor Seibold

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Public Safety Director Herald; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director Mushong; City Clerk Brower; Communications Specialist Greenleaf; Captain Williams; Captain Buikema

2018-34. No public comment was received.

2018-35. No commission reports were received.

2018-36. No public input was received on the draft Master Plan.

Commissioners agreed to submit their comments and suggestions for the plan by May 1 so that they can be discussed for incorporation into the plan.

2018-37. Public Safety Director Herald, Captain Buikema and Captain Williams reviewed the 2017 annual report for the Public Safety Department. It was noted that while East Grand Rapids is one of the safest cities in the country, property crimes continue to be an area where improvement can be made. Staff also noted that East Grand Rapids has the fastest response times in Kent County and that follow-up surveys show citizens feel the department personnel are very professional and polite.

2018-38. Authorization to solicit proposals for an installment purchase agreement for capital projects.

Finance Director Mushong explained the city was considering securing a short-term loan for capital projects in order to level out capital payments until the pension system payments are stabilized. She noted the bids would be submitted to the commission at its next meeting for discussion and a final decision.

2018- -A. Zagel-Miller. To authorize the Finance Director to solicit proposals for an installment purchase agreement for capital improvements to the Community Center complex.

Commissioner Zagel commended the staff for researching all options related to the financial health of the city.

Yeas: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Zagel, Walters and Seibold – 7

Nays: -0-

2018-39. Zagel-Hamrick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2018- -. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 19, 2018.

2018- -A. To approve payroll disbursements of \$-0-; county and school disbursements of \$-0-, and total remaining disbursements of \$170,282.09.

2018- -B. To establish June 4, 2018 as the date to hold public hearings for the budget and for delinquent accounts and to hold a special meeting to adopt the budget on this date.

- 2018- -C. A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contract #18-5024 with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Breton Road construction project attached as Exhibit "A."
- 2018- -D. A resolution approving changes to the Grand Valley Metro Council adding the Village of Caledonia to the GVMC attached as Exhibit "B."
- 2018- -E. A resolution authorizing Cascade Charter Township to conduct Construction Board of Appeals hearings on behalf of the City of East Grand Rapids, and setting the appeal fee at \$200.00 attached as Exhibit "C."
- 2018- -F. A resolution approving the Fifth Amendment to the Water and Sanitary Sewer Service Agreement with the City of Grand Rapids attached as Exhibit "D."
- 2018- -G. A reduction in the millage rate for the street and sidewalk millage to be levied on July 1, 2018 to compensate for revenue received from the state as outlined in the Finance Director's memo dated February 21, 2018.

Yeas: Duncan, Favale, Hamrick, Miller, Walters, Zagel and Seibold – 7
Nays: -0-

- 2018-40. City Manager Donovan and the department directors reviewed the goals and objectives for the upcoming year and answered questions from the city commission.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until April 16, 2018.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

- Attachments:
- A – Resolution authorizing signatures for the Michigan Dept. of Transportation contract
 - B – Resolution approving an amendment to the GVMC Articles of Incorporation
 - C – Resolution transferring the Construction Board of Appeals to Cascade Township
 - D – Resolution approving the Fifth Amendment to the Grand Rapids Water/Sewer Contract

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