

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held August 6, 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 Favale, Hamrick, Walters and Mayor Seibold

Absent: Commissioners Duncan, Miller and Zagel

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Finance Director Mushong; Public Safety Director Herald; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Zoning Administrator Mizikar; City Clerk Brower

2018-93. Kris Pachla, 425 Briarwood, complained about the lack of communications to residents for the private fireworks on Saturday evening and about Blodgett employees parking illegally on their street.

2018-94. Commissioner Walters thanked all of the clerk's staff and election workers for all of the work put in to prepare and implement the elections in our city.

Commissioner Hamrick reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

2018-95. KDL Director Lance Werner, KDL Board Member Penny Weller and EGR Branch Manager Dawn Lewis presented the Kent District Library's 2017 Annual Report.

2018-96. Request to approve the division of land at 2649 Hampshire.

Zoning Administrator Mizikar explained the request to adjust the property line to match the current fencing and landscaping. He stated that both lots will still meet all zoning ordinance standards.

Mayor Seibold opened a public hearing. No public comment or communications were received regarding this request. Mayor Seibold closed the public hearing.

2018- -A. Walters-Favale. That the request of Richard & Sue Brown of 2657 Hampshire and Susan Roberts of 2649 Hampshire to transfer a 6' strip of property from 2649 Hampshire to 2657 Hampshire 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.

Commissioner Walters made sure the applicants were aware of the tax implications of the property transfer.

Commissioner Hamrick noted there was no reason to oppose the request.

Mayor Seibold thanked the residents for working so well together when this issue was noticed and finding an amicable solution.

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters and Seibold – 4

Nays: -0-

2018-97. Request of Finance Department to pay invoices prior to commission approval.

Finance Director Mushong stated the Finance Department currently processes checks but holds them until after the commission meeting when those disbursements are approved, resulting in several days delay in the payment of invoices. She stated that many municipalities have changed their processes to send the checks immediately and submit the numbers for approval after they've been paid.

Mayor Seibold asked that the city send a letter to our legislators requesting that the antiquated state laws surrounding the payment of invoices be updated to match current practices and technology.

2018- -A. Walters-Hamrick. Resolution allowing the Finance Department to pay invoices before the approval of the City Commission as attached in Exhibit "B."

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters and Seibold – 4

Nays: -0-

2018-98. Hamrick-Favale. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2018- -. To approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 16, 2018.

2018- -A. To approve payroll disbursements of \$479,859.51; county and school disbursements of \$1,701,486.42, and total remaining disbursements of \$2,397,827.58.

2018- -B. A resolution updating the street lighting contract with Consumers Energy to reflect a recent streetlight audit and approving the conversion of mercury vapor lights to LED as attached in Exhibit "A."

2018- -C. The installation of a camera overflow system in the amount of \$19,790.27 from Central Interconnect with using funding from the rebate received from the chiller project.

2018- -D. The purchase of an irrigation reel for grounds maintenance operations from SiteOne Landscape Supply in the amount of \$6,836.00.

2018- -E. The appointment of Finance Director Mushong as the officer delegate for the 2018 MERS annual meeting.

Yeas: Favale, Hamrick, Walters and Seibold – 4

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until August 6, 2018.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution amending contract with Consumers Energy
B – Resolution allowing changes to the accounts payable processes

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