

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION  
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

**Regular Meeting Held November 5, 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; Assistant City Attorney Tobias; City Manager Donovan; Assistant City Manager LaFave; Public Safety Director Herald; Finance Director Mushong; City Clerk Brower

2018-157. No public comment was received.

2018-158. Commissioner Walters thanked all of the election staff and precinct workers for their work in preparing for tomorrow's election.

Commissioner Miller noted the first in-street crosswalk sign is being used near the high school. He asked that everyone drive safely near the schools and observe all crosswalks.

Commissioners Hamrick and Duncan thanked the Public Safety Department for their recent efforts to find a missing middle school student that was found safe over the weekend.

Commissioner Zagel extended thoughts and prayers for the city of Pittsburg following the recent synagogue shooting. He also thanked the Public Safety Department for their handling of the threat made to the EGR high school recently.

Commissioner Favale also thanked the Public Safety for all their work recently with the school situations. She also noted there was a good turnout on Saturday for the work day to remove invasive species from the parks and wetlands.

City Manager Donovan reported the Public Works Department has been very busy picking up leaves and is not currently able to adhere to the weekly schedule. Residents are encouraged to continue placing their leaves at the curb and the crews will pick them up as soon as possible.

Mayor Seibold noted there was a great turnout for the Public Safety Open House on October 27. She encouraged everyone to vote in tomorrow's election. She also reminded both adults and children to wear some type of flashing light when walking and biking at dusk and in the morning/evening darkness.

2018-159. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 32 of Title III of the City Code pertaining to trees, shrubs and plants.

2018-159-A. Walters-Zagel. That an ordinance to amend Chapter 32 of Title III of the City Code pertaining to trees, shrubs and plants be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

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

Nays: -0-

2018-160. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 41 of Title IV of the City Code pertaining to street and sidewalk provisions.

2018-160-A. Miller-Favale. That an ordinance to amend Chapter 41 of Title IV of the City Code pertaining to street and sidewalk provisions be adopted as attached in Exhibit "B."

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

2018-161. Final Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 42 of Title IV of the City Code pertaining to sidewalks.

Assistant City Manager LaFave noted that Section 4.45 had been updated since the introduction to reflect some of the service limitations for sidewalk snow removal.

2018-161-A. Hamrick-Favale. That an ordinance to amend Chapter 42 of Title IV of the City Code pertaining to sidewalks be adopted as attached in Exhibit "C."

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

2018-162. Request to approve an extension of parking restrictions on Manhattan Road.

Assistant City Manager LaFave reviewed the no parking restrictions that were put in place earlier this year due to several construction projects on the street. The residents have requested these temporary restrictions be extended for one year to allow the projects to be completed. The new request removed one block on the north end of the street from the parking restrictions.

2018-162-A. Walters-Miller. That the temporary no parking signage for a section of the north and west side of Manhattan Road from Manhattan Lane to the cul-de-sac be extended until October 1, 2019.

Commissioner Walters asked the Public Works Department to lift the restrictions early if the projects wrap up before the traffic order expires.

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

2018-163. Establishment of dates for public open house and interviews for the city manager position.

2018-163-A. Duncan-Favale. That the following dates be set for special meetings related to the search for a new city manager:

Tuesday, December 18, 2018      Closed session for commission to review screening  
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.                      reports and select candidates to interview.

Thursday, January 10, 2019      Public Open House to Meet Candidates  
Time to be determined

Friday, January 11, 2019          Candidate interviews in open session.  
8 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

2018-164. Miller-Favale. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2018-164-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held October 15, 2018.

2018-164-B. Payroll disbursements of \$230,137.76; county and school disbursements of \$86,395.73, and total remaining disbursements of \$576,323.48.

2018-164-C. Resolution electing to comply with the provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the city's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the period from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 as attached in Exhibit "D."

2018-164-D. The quarterly financial reports for the period ending September 30, 2018.

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

Nays: -0-

2018-165. Zagel-Duncan. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss an attorney's opinion in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nays: -0-

The meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until November 19, 2018.

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Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 32 regarding trees, shrubs and plants  
B – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 41 regarding street and sidewalk provisions  
C – Ordinance amendment to Chapter 42 regarding sidewalks  
D – Resolution opting out of Public Act 152

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