

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Rescheduled Regular Meeting Held January 22, 2019

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 Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Finance Director Mushong, Assistant City Manager LaFave; Zoning Administrator Mizikar; City Clerk Brower; Communications Specialist Licari

2019-11. No public comment was received.

2019-12. Commissioner Favale thanked the Public Safety Department for their work following a car fire on Hall Street recently. She felt the response time was excellent and the officers handled the traffic and cleanup very professionally.

Commissioner Zagel announced that USA Today had named East Grand Rapids as the “Best Place To Live in Michigan” recently. Mr. Zagel also thanked the Public Works Department for all their work on winter maintenance over the last several weeks and asked residents and visitors to be very careful if walking out onto the ice on Reeds Lake.

Commissioner Walters thanked everyone for agreeing to move the city commission meeting in honor Dr. King.

Mayor Seibold reported that the last Cadence Newspaper would be published this coming weekend. She thanked reporter Madison Bennett for the excellent work covering all things East GR over the last two years and wished her well in her future endeavors. Mayor Seibold also thanked the Public Works Department for all their hard work during the winter months; she noted the residents appreciate everything they do.

2019-13. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of An Ly of 2128 Wealthy to waive the requirement of one parking space for the proposed 2nd floor dwelling unit.

Zoning Administrator Mizikar explained that residential uses on the 2nd floor in Gaslight Village require a special use permit and that a variance is being requested to waive the requirement to have a dedicated parking space for the 2nd floor unit. He stated the property has no parking spaces and the owner has been unable to make arrangements with any surrounding property owners for a dedicated space.

Kevin Lucciani, contractor for the property owner, reported the restaurant owner would be leasing the apartment and the restaurant space from the owner of the building.

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

- Matt Feyen, owner of 667 Lovett Supported both variance and special use request.

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

- 2019-013-A. Miller-Duncan. That the request of An Ly of 2128 Wealthy to waive the requirement of one parking space for the proposed 2nd floor dwelling unit be approved.

Commissioner Miller reported the Planning Commission discussed at length and felt that this request was consistent with the new master plan.

Commissioner Walters stated he would support the request because the request meets the ordinance standards for granting variance approval.

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

- 2019-14. Request to approve a special use permit to allow a residential dwelling on the 2nd floor above a commercial use in the C-1 district at 2128 Wealthy.

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

- Matt Feyen, owner of 667 Lovett Supported both variance and special use request.

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

- 2019-014-A. Zagel-Miller. That a special use permit to allow a residential dwelling on the 2nd floor above a commercial use in the C-1 district at 2128 Wealthy be approved.

Commissioner Walters again noted that this proposal meets the standards set by ordinance.

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

- 2019-15. Resolution setting a hearing date to consider the vacation of a portion of Oxford Road.

Assistant City Manager LaFave stated the City Commission had acted in July 2018 to indicate East Grand Rapids would not allow access to a new housing development in Grand Rapids through Oxford Road. He presented a resolution for the City Commission to adopt setting a hearing date of March 4 to consider vacating a part of Oxford Road at the border with Grand Rapids.

- 2019-015-A. Duncan-Zagel. That a resolution setting a hearing date of Monday, February 4, 2019 to consider the vacation of a portion of Oxford Road be adopted as attached in Exhibit "A."

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

- 2019-16. Duncan-Favale. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2019-016-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 7, 2019.

2019-016-B. Minutes of the special meeting held January 11, 2019.

2019-016-C. Payroll disbursements of \$624,571.32; county and school disbursements of \$931,650.42, and total remaining disbursements of \$270,048.98.

2019-016-D. Preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held December 11, 2018.

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

2019-17. Walters-Miller. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss attorney's opinions 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 6:19 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until February 4, 2019.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution setting a hearing date for the vacation of a portion of Oxford Road

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