

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held January 20, 2026

Mayor Favale 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 Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs (arrived at 6:04 p.m.) and Mayor Favale.

Absent: Commissioner Wessely.

Also Present: City Manager Charles; Deputy City Manager LaFave; City Attorney Huff; Parks & Recreation Director Melville; Public Safety Director Buikema; City Clerk Parmenter.

2026-09. The agenda was approved as presented.

2026-10. Public comment: None.

2026-11. Mayor and City Commission comments, including committee liaison reports.

Commissioner Burdick thanked all the City staff that are working outside in this weather.

Commissioner Hunter thanked everyone also that are working outside.

Commissioner Groff-Blaszak thanked everyone that is working outside.

Commissioner Schwartz gave a recap of the Planning Commission meeting.

Mayor Favale also thanked everyone that is working outside.

City Manager Charles noted that he would be out of the office for the MME Conference, thanked everyone for the weather cleanup and gave an update on the History Room.

Commissioner Skaggs told everyone to stay warm, keep pets inside and keep gas in the car.

2026-12. Consider authorization and contract approval for the recommended mill and overlay street projects.

Deputy City Manager La Fave reviewed the information.

2026-012-A. Groff-Blaszak-Schwartz. To approve the authorization and contract approval for the recommended mill and overlay street projects.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs and Favale – 6
Nays: None.

2026-13. Consider resolution to allow for written appeals at Board of Review.

City Manager Charles reviewed the request.

Commissioner Hunter supports this.

2026-013-A. Burdick-Hunter. To approve the resolution to allow for written appeals at Board of Review.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs and Favale – 6
Nays: None.

2026-14. Schwartz-Burdick. To approve the consent agenda as follows:

2026-014-A. Minutes of the regular meeting held January 5, 2026.

2026-014-B. Disbursement of funds: payroll disbursements of \$395,534.66; county and school disbursements of \$892,525.70, and total remaining disbursements of \$366,291.97.

2026-014-C. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on September 9, 2025.

2026-014-D. Minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held on November 12, 2025.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs and Favale – 6
Nays: None.

2026-15. Yearly financial forecast update.

City Manager Charles reviewed the information.

Commissioner Hunter questioned if the tax revenue projection is stress tested to ensure accuracy. City Manager Charles stated that we are confident in the numbers given that we have the sales information for 2025.

2026-16. An executive session is requested for attorney client communication in accordance with Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act.

2026-016-A. Hunter-Burdick. To enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. as permitted.

Yeas: Burdick, Groff-Blaszak, Hunter, Schwartz, Skaggs and Favale – 6
Nays: None.
Roll call vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m., subject to the call of the Mayor until February 2, 2026.

Lori A Parmenter, City Clerk