

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held January 4, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 6:02 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Clerk Brower

Mayor Edison thanked the City Services Department for their excellent work over the weekend keeping the streets and sidewalks as clear as possible during the near blizzard conditions experienced.

99-201. The minutes of the regular meeting held December 21, 1998, were received as submitted.

99-202. Lawless-Williamson. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$140,734.99, county and school disbursements in the amount of \$310,683.52; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$124,115.02; as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-203. Consideration of a request to authorize the preparation of bid documents and the bidding of the Public Safety building remodeling project.

Commissioner Bartman arrived.

Bob Olson of Cox Medendorp & Olson was present to review the designs. The first draft plan using only the existing footprint of the building was cramped because of the limited space. However, when the water reservoir space became available, a second draft was drawn which used some of the additional space for training, evidence storage and additional vehicle storage.

City Manager Donovan went over the various construction and financing options regarding the amount of space to remodel and recommended that the building remodel and partial construction of facilities in the water reservoir be approved for bidding. The vehicle storage space can be bid as an separate piece and added when a contract is awarded if the costs are within the budget.

99-203-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That staff be authorized to prepare bid documents and solicit bids for the remodeling of the Public Safety Building including a portion of the reservoir with the alternative bid option for the garage area as outline above, and that the fund transfer of \$380,000 from the Fund Balance Designated for Future Projects and \$400,000 from the Fund Balance Designated for HVAC for City Hall and Library to the Public Safety Remodeling Capital Account be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

99-204. Consideration of a request to award a contract for architectural work for the feasibility study on the expansion of the East Grand Rapids Branch Library.

City Manager Donovan reviewed the three bids received and the discussions with Cox Medendorp & Olson regarding their bid to perform the study at no charge. Cox Medendorp & Olson has already performed the

majority of the work needed for this study when working on other projects for the City. After discussions, the proposal was adjusted to \$1,164.00 to reflect additional conferences and drawings as requested by the City.

99-204-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a contract be awarded to Cox Medendorp and Olson of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$1,164.00 for a feasibility study regarding the expansion of the East Grand Rapids Branch Library.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

99-205. Consideration of a request to approve funding and to authorize staff to prepare a “Request For Proposal” document and seek bids for the placement of artificial turf at the Middle School.

Craig Hondorp of Progressive AE was present to review the final plans for the Middle School site as recommended by the Joint Facilities Committee. The field would be sized for a soccer/lacrosse field plus five feet on either side. It appears that there will be no conflict with DNR regulations if erosion control measures are taken to prevent runoff into the lake during construction. Additional drainage will also be installed to supplement that provided by the manufacturer.

99-205-A. Shimko-Mehney. That staff be authorized to draft a “Request for Proposals” and to seek proposals for the placement of artificial turf, lights and bleachers at the Middle School, and that a fund transfer of \$120,000 from the Fund Balance Designated to the Parks & Recreation Capital Account be approved as requested.

Commissioner Williamson spoke in favor of fixing the settling field at Manhattan at the same time as this project so that it could be used as a practice field.

Commissioners questioned why the proposal did not include a separate restroom/concession area at this time. Mayor Edison answered that these would be added if sufficient donations were received or put in at a later date.

Commissioner Williamson addressed the issue of future replacement of this surface and asked if a sufficient amount had been committed by the City and Schools on a yearly basis to replace the turf when it wears out. Mayor Edison replied that this discussion would take place during the budget process.

The City Commission discussed the possibility of placing the artificial turf at the High School Memorial Field because the lights and bleachers were already in place. The Joint Facilities Committee abandoned this plan because the costs were almost as much as constructing the field at the Middle School because of moving the bleachers and the lights.

Commissioners Lawless, Orlebeke, Bartman and Williamson spoke in favor of placing the artificial turf surface on Memorial Field because it would be less expensive over time and because two stadiums are not necessary because sufficient playing and practicing time is available with the one artificial surface and the other grass fields. These commissioners felt that good stewardship of taxpayer money, whether donated or paid with city and school funds, required another look at placing this project at Memorial Field.

Commissioners Mehney and Shimko and Mayor Edison expressed their feelings that the surface should be placed at the Middle School to allow maximum flexibility in scheduling current activities and for future growth in soccer and lacrosse. Commissioner Mehney also spoke about giving the soccer and lacrosse players their own stadium, and expressed concern about donors possibly not giving money to place the field at Memorial Field.

Vote on 99-205-A. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Mehney, Shimko and Edison – 3

Nays: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke and Williamson – 4

99-205-B. Mehney-Shimko. Motion to refer this matter back to the Joint Facilities Committee stating the preference of the City Commission to place the artificial surface at Memorial Field and restore the Middle School Field to its original condition as a grass field, to request the School Board to consider committing their portion of the costs to Memorial Field, and to ask the Joint Facilities Committee to re-study this issue.

Vote on 99-205-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-206. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Ralph Moxley of 275 Greentree Lane, owner of 2125 Englewood, to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 1'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0".

Ralph Moxley, owner of 2125 Englewood, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

Tom Rybarsyk, 2133 Englewood, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

99-206-A. Orlebeke-Shimko. That the request of Mr. Ralph Moxley of 275 Greentree Lane, owner of 2125 Englewood, to allow the construction of a detached garage approximately 1'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-207. Public Hearing and consideration of a request to approve a special use permit requested by Spectrum Health East Campus and CenturyTel to allow the placement of three cellular antennas and a control panel on the roof of the hospital.

Roger Grow of Spectrum Health and Dan Oliver of Faulk & Foster, agent for CenturyTel, were present to answer questions.

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

City Attorney Huff reviewed the five conditions that the City Commission must consider when granting a special use permit. The City Commission discussed these conditions.

99-207-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a special use permit be granted to Spectrum Health East Campus and CenturyTel Personal Access Network, Inc. for the placement of three cellular phone antennas on the roof of the hospital as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-208. Consideration of a request to approve funding for elementary school playgrounds.

Several commissioners were concerned that they had not seen the plans for the elementary school playgrounds and were being asked to approve funding without knowing what was being done. City Commissioners asked that final plans and contracts be brought back to the City Commission for final approval.

Commissioner Williamson expressed his concern over committing \$50,000 from the next fiscal year's budget without seeing the preliminary budget numbers first, and his concern that the playground equipment be put out for competitive bid to insure the best pricing.

99-208-A. Lawless-Mehney. Motion to approve up to \$50,000 for the playgrounds at Lakeside and Breton Downs elementary schools (total of up to \$100,000), with the final disbursements and fund transfers approved when detailed plans and bids are received from each elementary school, and to pledge up to \$50,000 from the FY 99-00 budget for the Wealthy playground.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

Commissioner Bartman departed.

99-209. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving the merger of TCI Cablevision and AT&T Cablevision.

99-209-A. Williamson-Shimko. That a resolution approving the merger between AT&T Cablevision and TCI Cablevision be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-210. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase and installation of new City entry signs and the replacement of street signs.

99-210-A. Orlebeke-Mehney. That the proposed design for the new entry signs and the purchase and installation costs up to \$4,000.00 be approved, and that the cost increase of \$4,900 for the street sign replacement program to include the city logo be approved.

99-210-B. Williamson-Mehney. Motion to amend 99-210-A to increase the number of signs to six to place a sign on Wealthy at the east city limits, and to increase the funding amount accordingly for the extra sign.

Vote on 99-210-B.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

Vote on 99-210-A. as amended.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-211. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held December 15, 1998 were received.

99-212. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of November 1998 was received.

99-213. No other public comment was received.

99-214. Commissioner Orlebeke expressed his appreciation to all of the members of the City Services Department for their efforts in keeping the city streets plowed during the recent severe weather. Commissioner Orlebeke also wished City Manager Donovan a happy 40th birthday, and Mayor Edison a happy 41st birthday.

99-215. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until January 18, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution approving merger between TCI and AT&T

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held January 18, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:33 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Lawless

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; City Clerk Brower

99-216. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 4, 1998, were received as submitted.

99-217. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A) Thank you card from Sarah Gavin, transportation director for the EGR schools, thanking Tom Keating and his staff for their assistance in starting the school buses on several cold mornings recently.
- B) Thank yous from school board members and Superintendent Morse for the assistance in clearing out snow from the parking lots at several school buildings.

99-218. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$128,007.52, county and school disbursements in the amount of \$286,701.63; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$101,548.06; as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-219. Presentation by Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon, P.L.C. of the City of East Grand Rapids audited financial statements for FY 1997-98.

Doug Plamondon and Donna Bylenga of Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon, P.L.C. were present to review the audit and answer questions.

99-220. Consideration of a request to set the date for 4th of July celebrations.

99-220-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the Independence Day celebrations for 1999 be conducted on July 3rd to avoid scheduling events on a Sunday.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-221. Consideration of a request to authorize payment of legal bills from Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett for water/sewer negotiations.

99-221-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That staff be authorized to process payment of water/sewer negotiation legal bills in the amount of \$8,000 to Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett, and that the related fund transfer from the water/sewer fund ending balance to the the city attorney's contractual account be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-222. Consideration of a request to award a contract for engineering work related to pedestrian crossing signals.

99-222-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a contract not-to-exceed \$7,200 be awarded to Rowe Incorporated of Grand Rapids for engineering and inspection work related to pedestrian crossing signals.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-223. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of administrative vehicles for the Public Safety Department.

99-223-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the purchase of two Dodge Intrepid sedans for the Public Safety Department from Snethkamp Dodge of Lansing in the amount of \$34,447.76 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-224. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of vehicles for the Streets & Utilities.

99-224-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the purchase of the following vehicles from Snethkamps Dodge of Lansing be approved as requested: Two Dodge pickup trucks at a cost of \$16,741.86 each; one Dodge Dakota pickup truck at a cost of \$13,365.00; and one Dodge one-ton truck at a cost of \$18,760.86, for a total of \$65,609.58.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-225. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held December 8, 1998 were received.

99-226. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held January 7, 1999 were received.

99-227. The City Services Department Report for the month of December 1998 was received.

99-228. No other public comment was received.

99-229. Commissioner Bartman congratulated the basketball team from the Public Safety Department who defeated the team from the Wyoming Police Department in a charity fund raising game earlier in the day.

Mayor Edison thanked all of the members of the City Services Department and the Public Safety Department for their work in keeping the streets clear and passable during the recent winter weather. The roads in East Grand Rapids were the best in the metropolitan area.

Mayor Edison also thanked the City Commissioners and staff members for the fruit basket and for their good wishes during his recent hospital stay following an asthma attack.

99-230. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until February 1, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
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Regular Meeting Held February 1, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Mehney

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; City Clerk Brower

99-231. The minutes of the regular meeting held January 18, 1999, were received as submitted.

99-232. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Article on former East Grand Rapids Mayor John Bonnell (1901-1904) received from a resident as information.

99-233. Lawless-Williamson. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$174,160.07, county and school disbursements in the amount of \$630,806.88; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$90,174.82; as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-234. Mayor Edison presented a proclamation to former Planning Commissioner George Davis in honor of his eight years of service to the City.

99-235. Consideration of a request to approve an appointment to the Board of Review.

99-235-A. Bartman-Lawless. That Paul Howland of 2809 Woodcliff Circle be appointed to the Board of Review to fill a unexpired term ending June 30, 1999.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-236. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving a water/sewer agreement with the City of Grand Rapids.

99-236-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That a resolution approving a new water/sewer agreement with the City of Grand Rapids be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, and that City Manager Brian Donovan be appointed to the Advisory Committee for this agreement.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-237. Consideration of a request to adopt a revised policy for city-owned vehicles.

99-237-A. Shimko-Lawless. That the revised vehicle use policy be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Commissioner Williamson questioned several points of the new policy including whether a mileage reimbursement would be allowed in addition to the car allowance, what type of insurance was required, and what to do with the amount of money sitting in the MERF fund earmarked for purchasing a new City car. Questions were answered by City Attorney Huff and Finance Director VanderWall. The mileage

reimbursement and other issues will be addressed in a letter of understanding with the City Manager which will be reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-238. Consideration of a request to approve a car allowance for the City Manager.

99-238-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the request of the City Manager for a car allowance of \$350.00 per month in lieu of providing a City vehicle be approved effective February 1, 1999, that the replacement money in the MERF fund be addressed during the budget process, to use the budget funding being paid to MERF by the General Fund for the remainder of this fiscal year to pay for the car allowance, and to ask the Personnel Committee to review the Letter of Understanding with the City Manager.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: Williamson - 1

99-239. Finance Director VanderWall presented the financial reports for the quarter ended December 31, 1998 and answered questions from the City Commission.

99-240. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the replacement of weapon holsters for the Public Safety Department.

99-240-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the purchase from Drug Seizure Funds of 31 Safariland holsters for the Public Safety Department from Michigan Police Equipment in the amount of \$2,867.50 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-241. Consideration of a request to authorize staff to solicit bids for spring construction programs.

99-241-A. Williamson-Shimko. That staff be authorized to seek bids for road resurfacing and water main replacement projects to be completed during the 1999 spring construction season as outlined in the staff memorandum.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-242. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of T-1 fiber optic equipment for data transmission between the Public Safety Department and Kent County Sheriff's Department.

99-242-A. Orlebeke-Lawless. That the purchase of two fiber option router connections from Precision Data Products in the amount of \$2,800.00 for data transmission to the Kent County Sheriff's Department Law Enforcement computer with funding from the Drug Seizure Account be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-243. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held January 8, 1999 were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission regarding the parking zones at Wealthy Elementary School. This motions will take effect.

99-243-A. Williamson-Bartman. Motion to amend the motion of the Traffic Commission to revise the parking plan at Lakeside Elementary to reduce the amount of "15-minute parking" by two spaces to accommodate a "Bus Parking Zone" along the front of the building as requested by the School Administration and approved by staff.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-244. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of December 1998 was received.

99-245. John Swain, 2630 Reeds Lake Blvd., was present and questioned the City Commission about the new city entry signs. Mayor Edison responded that the Commission would be reconsidering its decision to eliminate the reference to former President Gerald Ford on the new signs. Mr. Swain requested that a copy of any correspondence from Mr. Ford be sent to him.

99-246. Commissioner Bartman welcomed “Barry’s Bagels” to the Gaslight Village Business District and urged all Commissioners to stop in and welcome the new business. Commissioner Bartman also reported that she would be out of town for the next several weeks and would miss several meetings.

Commissioner Williamson asked City Attorney Huff to address the issue of what constitutes a “session” of the City Commission at an upcoming meeting.

99-247. Orlebeke-Shimko. Motion to add to the agenda a discussion of the new City entrance signs. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-248. Orlebeke-Shimko. Motion to authorize staff to negotiate with the low bidder of the entrance signs for design modifications that would include the fact that former President Gerald Ford was a resident of East Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Orlebeke reported that he had received several phone calls and letters regarding this issue and reported that the Infrastructure Committee had meant no disrespect in eliminating the reference to Mr. Ford when designing the new signs. The Committee had not taken into account the community’s strong pride in being his former home and their wish to keep this fact on the signs. The Committee has reconsidered its decision and would like to have this incorporated into the new signs.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

Commissioner Bartman departed.

99-249. Lawless-Shimko. Motion to add to the agenda a discussion of the artificial turf issue. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 4
Nays: Williamson – 1

99-250. Lawless-Shimko. Motion to authorize the Joint Facilities Committee to seek proposals for an soccer/lacrosse-size artificial turf surface at the Middle School site with an alternative bid option of a football-field size surface at this site.

Commissioner Lawless spoke in favor of authorizing the request for proposals because having a field that would accommodate football as well as soccer and lacrosse would add more scheduling options for all sports. Commissioner Lawless also wanted to continue working toward an agreement with the School Board on this issue because of the other worthwhile projects that have resulted from the Joint Facilities Agreement. There are still several issues to be resolved, but this allows the city officials and staff to participate in the process and keep working towards a solution.

Yeas: Lawless, Shimko and Edison – 3
Nays: Orlebeke and Williamson – 2

99-251. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until February 15, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A – Resolution approving water/sewer agreement with City of Grand Rapids.
B – Policy on vehicle use.

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

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held February 15, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Williamson at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson

Absent: Commissioner Bartman and Mayor Edison

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Sluggett; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; City Clerk Brower

99-254. Commissioner Lawless asked that the second paragraph of Item 99-235 of the minutes of the February 1, 1999 be amended to read as follows. The minutes of the regular meeting held February 1, 1999 were then received as amended.

“Commissioner Lawless spoke in favor of authorizing the request for proposals because having a field that would accommodate football as well as soccer and lacrosse would add more scheduling options for all sports. Commissioner Lawless stated that the proposed location was not the best, but not so bad as to jeopardize the joint facilities program. At this point, Lawless also wanted to continue working toward an agreement with the School Board on this issue.”

99-255. Lawless-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$132,097.95, county and school disbursements in the amount of \$272,527.31; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$88,385.90; as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5

Nays: -0-

99-256. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Steve Sanders of 2242 Lake Drive to allow construction to enclose an existing carport to create a garage with a side yard setback of approximately 1’-0” rather than the required 11’-0.”

Steve Sanders, 2242 Lake Drive, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

Erin, an assistant to Laverne Burnham of 2234 Lake Drive, expressed Mrs. Burnham’s concern about possibly diminishing her property value if this garage is built this close to the lot line. Mrs. Burnham’s son is out of the state and would like to review this for her when he returns; however, he will not be returning until the end of April.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Linda Carrington, 2262 Lake Drive In Favor

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

99-256-A. Mehney-Orlebeke. That the request of Mr. Steve Sanders of 2242 Lake Drive to allow construction to enclose an existing carport to create a garage with a side yard setback of approximately 1’-0” rather than the required 11’-0” be approved. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5

Nays: -0-

99-257. Bob Olson of Cox Medendorp & Olson was present to give an update and tentative drawings of possible renovations to the City Hall and Library Complex, and to answer questions from the City Commission.

99-258. The City Commission reviewed the Year 2000 Compliance Report prepared by staff and found it to be in order.

99-259. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement for Community Development Block Grant funding.

99-259-A. Shimko-Lawless. That the FY 1999-2000 Kent County Community Development Block Grant agreement be approved, and that the application of the City of East Grand Rapids for funding to replace handicap curb ramps on city sidewalks be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5
Nays: -0-

99-260. Consideration of a request to approve a change order for the Burchard Storm sewer project.

99-260-A. Lawless-Shimko. That Change Order #2 to Diversco Construction in the amount of \$5,595.25 to Diversco Construction for additional work performed in conjunction with the Burchard Storm Sewer project be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5
Nays: -0-

99-261. Consideration of a request to approve a change order for the Wilshire Storm sewer project.

99-261-A. Lawless-Shimko. That Change Order #4 to Diversco Construction in the amount of \$11,057.88 to Diversco Construction for additional work performed in conjunction with the Wilshire Storm Sewer project be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5
Nays: -0-

99-262. Consideration of a request to award a contract for grounds maintenance services for city and school properties.

99-262-A. Lawless-Orlebeke. That a two-year contract be awarded to Natural Lawns Inc in the amount of \$59,230.00 for grounds maintenance services to city and school properties.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5
Nays: -0-

99-263. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the replacement of the Albert Drive sanitary sewer.

99-263-A. Shimko-Orlebeke. That a contract be awarded to Diversco Construction in the amount of \$63,020.00 plus contingencies of \$9,718.19 for a total of \$72,738.19 for the replacement of the Albert Drive sanitary sewer.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5
Nays: -0-

99-264. Consideration of a request to authorize staff to seek grant funding for parks and recreation projects.

99-264-A. Orlebeke-Shimko. That the city staff be authorized to submit grant applications for funding of parks and recreation projects as outlined in the 1998 Parks & Recreation Plan.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5
Nays: -0-

99-265. Consideration of a request to award a contract for crack and joint sealing projects.

99-265-A. Orlebeke-Lawless. That a contract be awarded to Scodeller Construction of South Lyon in the amount of \$19,125.00 for the 1999 crack repair program.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Williamson – 5

Nays: -0-

99-266. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held January 25, 1999 were received.

99-267. The City Services Department Report for the month of January 1999 was received.

99-268. Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, was present and asked that the City Commission petition the Michigan Legislature for a change to the Michigan Constitution to allow the election of the Spectrum Health Board of Trustees so that the Board would be more accountable to citizens for decisions that are made. Mr. Hughes was concerned about the proposed building program that would increase the debt load and result in higher charges for citizens or unnecessary transfers between hospitals.

99-269. There was no report from the Mayor and City Commissioners.

99-270. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 1, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held March 1, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Bartman

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; City Clerk Brower; Sgt Brown; PSO Asher; PSO Davis; PSO Mull

99-271. The minutes of the special meeting held February 8, 1999 and the regular meeting held February 15, 1999 were received with the following correction:

Paragraph 99-239 of the minutes of February 15th should read that President Williamson closed the public hearing rather than Mayor Edison.

99-272. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$123,441.37, county and school disbursements in the amount of \$165,271.42; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$344,298.00; as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

99-273. Public Safety Director Gallagher and Mayor Edison presented Certificates of Recognition to Public Safety Officer Sharon Asher Korcek and Sergeant Troy Brown for their actions in answering a 911 hang-up call that resulted in arrest of the suspect and the protection of a citizen.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

99-274. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Coale of 1707 Hall Street to allow the construction of a sunroom attached to the existing screen porch creating a separation of 8'-6" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0."

Mike Coale, 1707 Hall Street, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

99-274-A. Shimko-Mehney. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Coale of 1707 Hall Street to allow the construction of a sunroom attached to the existing screen porch creating a separation of 8'-6" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-275. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mcguire of 2755 Elmwood Drive to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home creating a separation of 9'-0" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0."

Dennis Maguire, 2755 Elmwood, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

99-275-A. Orlebeke-Mehney. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Mcguire of 2755 Elmwood Drive to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home creating a separation of 9'-0" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-276. Consideration of a request to purchase a radio repeater system for the Public Safety Department communications.

99-276-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the purchase and installation of a radio repeater system from T & W Electronics at a cost of \$5,895.00 and a related fund transfer from the General Fund ending balance to the Public Safety Capital Account be approved as requested.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-277. Consideration of a request to approve a contract extension for yard waste and refuse collection for city properties.

99-277-A. Shimko-Orlebeke. That the three-year contract extension with Sunset Waste Services (formerly Laidlaw) as outlined in the staff memorandum be approved as requested for the following amounts:

30-40 yard containers for yard waste	\$125.00 per pull
Disposal fee for yard waste	\$2.75 per yard
20 yard containers for yard waste	\$125.00 per pull
Disposal fee for street sweepings	\$12.00 per ton

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-278. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase and installation of a dump box for Streets & Utilities Truck #43.

99-278-A. Williamson-Lawless. That the purchase and installation of a dump box for Streets & Utilities Truck #43 from Hoekstra Truck Equipment in the amount of \$3,700.00 be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-279. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of network operating software for the computer network.

99-279-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the purchase of network operating software from Precision Data Products in the amount of \$9,961.00 and technical support services from Conway, Dierking & Hillman in the not-to-exceed amount of \$14,440.00, along with the corresponding budget amendment in the amount of \$24,401 from the General Fund undesignated fund balance to cover these costs be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-280. Consideration of a request to award a contract for spraying of gypsy moths.

99-280-A. Williamson-Shimko. That a contract in the amount of \$14,560.00 be awarded to Al's Aerial Spraying of Ovid, Michigan for the aerial spray application to control gypsy moths, and that the related budget amendment from the General Fund Undesignated Account be approved.

Commissioner Mehney asked that this expense be added to the budget for next year as well in case the City needs to spray again next year.

Mayor Edison asked that residents be notified as accurately as possible about the spraying date, including radio and TV announcements if necessary.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-281. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a conference table and chairs for the lower level conference room.

99-281-A. Orlebeke-Lawless. That the purchase of a conference table and ten chairs for the lower level conference room from Grand Rapids Office Supply in the amount of \$2,856.10 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-282. Consideration of a request to purchase portable radios for the Public Safety Department.

99-282-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the purchase of four portable radios and one charging station for the Public Safety Department from Tele-Rad Communications at a cost of \$2,783.00 be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-283. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the manufacture and installation of City entry signs.

99-283-A. Shimko-Mehney. That a contract for new city entry signs be awarded to Alberda Signs of Byron Center in the amount of \$3,600.00.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-284. Consideration of a request to select a method of measuring City Commission sessions.

The City Commission discussed the various options available for this issue and the advantages and disadvantages of both short and long sessions.

99-284-A. Williamson-_____. That a session of the East Grand Rapids City Commission be defined as consisting of six months, commencing on December 1st and May 1st to correspond with new members being seated following elections.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

99-284-B. Williamson-Lawless. That each meeting of the East Grand Rapids City Commission be defined as a separate session for purposes of parliamentary procedures.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-285. No other public comment was received.

99-286. Commissioner Williamson congratulated City Attorney Huff on his election as Vice President of Law Weathers & Richardson.

Mayor Edison thanked Commissioner Williamson for leading the City Commission meeting on February 15th in his absence.

Mayor Edison took a poll of commissioners who would be present for the meeting on April 5th during spring break. Since there would not be quorum present, the meeting was rescheduled to Monday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m.

99-286-A. Williamson – Shimko. 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 was taken.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-287. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 15, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held March 15, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 6:59 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Bartman and Orlebeke

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Finance Director VanderWall; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; City Clerk Brower; Attorney Peterson

99-271. Williamson-Shinko. To enter into executive session to discuss pending labor negotiations and an attorney's opinion in accordance with Sections 8(c) and 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

99-272. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers following the Executive Session.

99-273. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 1, 1999 were received as submitted.

99-274. Williamson-Lawless. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$151,468.01, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$259,738.61, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

99-275. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Larry VanderPlaats of 1145 Eastwood to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the existing detached garage approximately 1'-0" from the side yard line instead of the required 3'-0."

Martin Gedres, builder, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

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

99-275-A. Shimko-Williamson. That the request of Mr. Larry VanderPlaats of 1145 Eastwood to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the existing detached garage approximately 1'-0" from the side yard line instead of the required 3'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

99-276. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Tom Garter of 1216 Woodcliff to allow the construction of a 20'-" x 40'-0" inground pool 5'-0" from the rear and side property lines instead of the required 10'-0," and to locate the related equipment on the property line instead of the required 3'-0" distance.

Tom Garter, 1216 Woodcliff, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- George Davis, attorney for Mr. Orra Drake of 3054 Hall	Opposed
- Judith Baxter, 3060 Hall	Opposed

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Orra Drake, 3054 Hall Street	Opposed
- Pat Clifford, 1234 Woodcliff	In Favor

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

99-276-A. Williamson-Lawless. That the request of Mr. Tom Garter of 1216 Woodcliff to allow the construction of a 20'-0" x 40'-0" inground pool 5'-0" from the rear and side property lines instead of the required 10'-0," and to locate the related equipment on the property line instead of the required 3'-0" distance be denied.

The City Commission discussed the requirements for granting a variance and asked several questions of Mr. Garter and staff members. The Commission felt it was possible for Mr. Garter to locate the pool on his property without the variance; however, it was felt that the pool equipment would be better located in the proposed location to shield the noise from the neighbors.

99-276-B. Williamson-Mehney. To amend the motion to deny the location of the pool, but to approve the variance request to place the pool equipment on the property line instead of at a distance of 3'-0."

Vote on 99-274-B.

Yeas: Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 4
Nays: Lawless – 1

Vote on 99-274-A. as amended:

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

99-277. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Campbell of 2145 Wilshire to allow the construction of a single-stall attached garage creating a side yard setback of approximately 2'-0" instead of the required 7'-0", and a total side yard setback of 10'-0" instead of the required 18'-0".

Mark Shuart, Builder, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

99-277-A. Mehney-Shimko. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Campbell of 2145 Wilshire to allow the construction of a single-stall attached garage creating a side yard setback of approximately 2'-0" instead of the required 7'-0", and a total side yard setback of 10'-0" instead of the required 18'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 4
Nays: Lawless – 1

99-278. Consideration of a request to provide an interpretation of zoning district requirements for lots in the Woodcliff Park Subdivision along Reeds Lake Blvd.

City Attorney Huff explained that an interpretation was necessary to determine if the lot along the lake should be treated as a separate lot or as part of the other property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stelter. The interpretation will then determine the treatment of this request and the specific variance request in this situation.

No public input was received on this issue. The City Commission discussed the options and the advantages and disadvantages for future interpretations.

99-278-A. Williamson-Lawless. That lots between Reeds Lake Boulevard and the shore of the lake in the Woodcliff Park Subdivision be treated as separate lots even if under common ownership with lots on the other side of Reeds Lake Blvd.

Yeas: Lawless, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 4
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Mehney – 1

99-279. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. James Stelter of 2933 Bonnell to allow the construction of a non-residential structure on Lot 29 of Woodcliff Park.

Jack DeBruin, Builder, and James Stelter, were present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Peter Secchia, 2833 Bonnell No opposition

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

99-279-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. James Stelter of 2933 Bonnell to allow the construction of a non-residential structure on Lot 29 of Woodcliff Park in the dimensions shown on the drawing submitted to the City be approved.

Yeas: Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 4
Nays: Lawless – 1

99-280. Consideration of a proposal to exchange property on Beechwood Drive.

Mayor Edison explained the proposal to exchange lots with the private property owner so that if a home is built on the private lot, it would be next to other homes and not in the middle of the greenspace.

The following people were present and expressed their objection to the lot exchange and asked that the City purchase the private property and create a small park on this land:

- Peggy Burke, 2555 Beechwood
- Helen Salan, 2747 Oakwood
- Tom Leonard, 429 Briarwood (WMEAC)
- Rick Minnema, 2663 Beechwood
- Gary Dobre, 2819 Oakwood
- John Meilner, 2841 Oakwood
- Peter Moll, 2719 Beechwood
- Gordon Jones, 325 Rosewood
- Mary Swain, 514 Lakeside
- Walt Lange, 2753 Oakwood
- Doris Zuidema, 2725 Beechwood
- Jeff Barnes, 2761 Oakwood
- Dave Dutcher, 2807 Oakwood
- Ed Wietecha, 2555 Beechwood
- John Salan, 2747 Oakwood

Mr. Robert Kirchgessner, owner of the private property located at 2760 Beechwood, was present and spoke in favor of the lot exchange.

Mayor Edison closed the public hearing. The City Commission then discussed the issue and asked questions of Mr. Kirchgessner and staff members. Mr. Kirchgessner indicated that his land was not for sale and that he does intend to build a house on his lot.

Commissioner Mehney suggested to the neighboring residents that they begin a fundraising campaign to purchase this lot from Mr. Kirchgessner and then donate the lot to the city with the restriction that it be used as a park.

99-280-A. Lawless-_____. That the city-owned lot at 2746 Beechwood be exchanged for the privately owned lot at 2760 Beechwood with the condition that curb and sidewalk be installed and paid for Mr. Kirchgessner as the new owner of the property owner 2746 Beechwood for both that lot and the neighboring property at 2730 Beechwood, and that the City receive an additional \$5,000 in compensation because the city-owned lot is wider.

The motion failed due to lack of second.

99-280-B. Williamson-Mehney. That the city-owned lot at 2746 Beechwood be exchanged for the privately owned lot at 2760 Beechwood with the condition that curb and sidewalk be installed and paid for Mr. Kirchgessner as the new owner of the property owner 2746 Beechwood for both that lot and the neighboring property at 2730 Beechwood.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

Commissioner Mehney departed the meeting briefly.

99-281. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving a grant application for Collins Park.

99-281-A. Williamson-Shimko. That a resolution supporting the grant application for improvements to Collins Park be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Lawless, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 4
Nays: -0-

99-282. Discussion of changes to Joint Facilities Agreement.

Mayor Edison explained that the Board of Education has proposed an amendment to the Joint Facilities Agreement to allow the School Board President or his/her designee to serve on the Joint Facilities Committee. Currently, the agreement reads that the School Board President shall serve on the committee.

99-282-A. Lawless-Williamson. That the Joint Facilities Agreement be amended to provide the School Board President or his/her designee to serve on the Joint Facilities Committee.

Several commissioners felt that it was important that the both the School Board President and the Mayor serve on this committee because of budgetary requests and agenda scheduling issues that come out of the Joint Facilities Committee. Everyone asked that the Joint Facilities Committee review this issue and make a recommendation.

99-282-B. Williamson-Lawless. Motion to table this item and ask the Joint Facilities Committee to study and make a recommendation on this issue.

Yeas: Lawless, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 4
Nays: -0-

99-283. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a hammer drill for the Streets & Utilities Department.

99-283-A. Shimko-Williamson. That the purchase of a McLaughlin Hole Hammer drill from Gregware Equipment Company of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$4,321.50 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Lawless, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 4
Nays: -0-

99-284. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a cement mixer for the Streets & Utilities Department.

99-284-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the purchase of a Stone cement mixer in the amount of \$3,994.00 from Nickel Equipment company of Grand Rapids be approved as requested.

Yeas: Lawless, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 4
Nays: -0-

Commissioner Mehney returned to the meeting.

99-285. Consideration of a request to approve a contract extension with Consumers Energy for the placement of a streetlight on Laurel Street.

99-285-A. Shimko-Lawless. That a resolution extending the contract with Consumers Energy for the placement of a cobra streetlight at 1410 Laurel be approved as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

99-286. Consideration of a request to award a contract for medical examinations for Public Safety Department employees.

99-286-A. Williamson-Shimko. That a contract be awarded to Spectrum Health in the amount of \$12,349.00 for medical examination services for the Public Safety Department employees, and that the related budget amendment of \$349.00 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to this account be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

99-287. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held February 22, 1999 were received.

99-288. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held February 8, 1999 were received.

99-289. The City Services Department 1998 Annual Report was received.

99-290. No other public comment was received.

99-291. Mayor Edison announced that the City representative (namely himself!) had beaten the school representative for the most goals scored during the intermission of a recent East Grand Rapids Community Night hockey game.

99-292. The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until March 29, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution supporting Collins Park grant application
B - Resolution approving streetlight installation

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held March 29, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:35 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Williamson

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

99-293. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 15, 1999 were received with the following paragraph being added after motion 99-279-A. as requested by Commissioner Lawless:

Commissioner Lawless felt that development that does not comply with zoning regulations should be discouraged between Reeds Lake Boulevard and the shore of Reeds Lake between Darby and the east City limits.

99-294. Lawless-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$124,925.01, county and school disbursements in the amount of \$393,803.97; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$113,967.92, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-295. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Richard Smith of 2620 Beechwood to allow the construction of a second story over a portion of the existing non-conforming structure.

Matt Williams, 2751 Carriage Ct, Grandville, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request and asked for a total of 18 months to substantially complete the construction instead of the usual 12 months.

The following people were present and expressed their opinion concerning this variance request:

- Richard Smith, 2620 Beechwood	In Favor
- Steve Marshall, 2634 Beechwood	In Favor

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Bev Francoeur, 2621 Beechwood	Opposed
- Joanie & George Snyder, 2627 Beechwood	In Favor
- Leo Reihmer, 2612 Beechwood	In Favor

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

Mayor Edison asked the applicant how many people would be living in the home. Mr. Williams responded that only he, his wife and children would be living in the home.

99-295-A. Mehney-Shimko. That the request of Mr. Richard Smith of 2620 Beechwood to allow the construction of a second story over a portion of the existing non-conforming structure be approved, and to allow the applicant 18 months to substantially complete the project.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-296. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Swaney of 2928 Beechwood to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home approximately 4'-0" from the existing detached garage instead of the required 10'-0."

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Harry Baker, 2908 Hall Street In Favor

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

99-296-A. Bartman-Lawless. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Swaney of 2928 Beechwood to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home approximately 4'-0" from the existing detached garage instead of the required 10'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-297. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Section 9.102 of Chapter 95 of title IX pertaining to the BOCA Fire Prevention Code.

99-297-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That an ordinance amendment to Section 9.102 of Chapter 95 of title IX pertaining to the BOCA Fire Prevention Code be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-298. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of Chapter 80 of Title VIII pertaining to the BOCA National Building Code.

99-298-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of Chapter 80 of Title VIII pertaining to the BOCA National Building Code be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-299. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Sections 8.91 through 8.94 of Chapter 84 of Title VIII pertaining to the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code.

99-299-A. Bartman-Shimko. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 8.91 through 8.94 of Chapter 84 of Title VIII pertaining to the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-300. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Section 3.212 of Chapter 34 of Title III pertaining to the marina licenses.

Doug Frens, 222 El Centro, manager of Rose's Marina, was present and questioned if any significant changes would be made to the process of obtaining the marina licenses.

Jack Runnells of Runnells Marina, 518 Lakeside, was also present and asked what changes would be made to the present process.

City Manager Donovan responded that there would be very few changes as far as the marinas were concerned. The primary change would be making the process an administrative function that would not have to be brought before the City Commission each year unless there were changes to one of the marinas.

Commissioner Lawless stated his feelings that this should be further studied by the Infrastructure Committee and staff for another year to complete a review of all marinas and their special situations. After discussion, it was decided that the ordinance amendment should be introduced and then the second reading delayed until such time that questions about the Yacht Club could be answered.

99-300-A. Mehney-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to Section 3.212 and adding Section 3.220 of Chapter 34 of Title III pertaining to the marina licenses be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-301. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a line painting device for the Streets & Utilities Department.

99-301-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the purchase of a line-painting device from O'Leary Paint of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$3,300.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-302. The City Services Department Report for the month of February 1999 was received.

99-303. The Kent District Library 1998 Annual Report was received.

Mayor Edison announced that Connie Christenson of East Grand Rapids had been appointed as our new representative to the Kent District Library Board.

99-304. Bob Koch, 2560 Frederick, was present and spoke about the poor condition of Frederick Drive and asked that the City increase the level of maintenance. City Manager Donovan explained the City Commission's maintenance policy for gravel roads and the difficulties keeping roads in good shape when there is no drainage. Mr. Koch stated that this was not acceptable and asked the Commission to review this further.

99-305. City Manager Donovan reported that the bids for the remodeling of the Public Safety Building will be received soon. However, in light of the fact that some of the piping has to be moved and that the air conditioning system will be inoperative while this work is being done, City Manager Donovan authorized the moving of pipes to begin immediately so that the air conditioning system will be working again when the hot weather arrives.

The continuation of the goals session was tentatively set for Wednesday, April 14th at 5:30 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

99-306. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until April 19, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment to Section 9.102 regarding Fire Prevention Code
B - Ordinance Amendment to Sections 8.1 to 8.4 regarding National Building Code
C - Ordinance Amendment to Sections 8.91 to 8.94 regarding BOCA Maintenance Code
D - Ordinance Amendment to Section 3.212 regarding marina licenses

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held April 19, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:35 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower; Administrative Intern Branyan

99-307. Mayor Edison announced that two items had been removed from the agenda: the lot split request at 2721 Darby and the placement of the artificial turf at the middle school. Mayor Edison also announced that the agenda item concerning the joint facilities budget has been changed to request a change to the current year budget. There has also been a request to add to the agenda a request to recognize a charitable organization.

99-308. Lawless-Bartman. Motion to add to the agenda consideration of a request to recognize the East Grand Rapids Team Boosters as a non-profit organization. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-309. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 29, 1999 were received as submitted.

99-310. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$224,527.09, county and school disbursements in the amount of \$586.51; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$401,860.06, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-311. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Ms. Colette Omans of 910 Bellclaire to allow the construction of an addition to the existing attached garage to create a two-stall garage creating a side yard setback of 2'-06" instead of the required 7'-0" and a combined side yard setback of approximately 10'-0" instead of the required 18'-0".

Bob Winters, architect for Ms. Omans, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

The following petition was received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Ann Genter, 916 Bellclaire	In Favor
- Faye Decker, 925 Bellclaire	In Favor
- Joan Bass, 911 Bellclaire	In Favor
- Mildred Page, 904 Bellclaire	In Favor

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

99-311-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the request of Ms. Colette Omans of 910 Bellclaire to allow the construction of an addition to the existing attached garage to create a two-stall garage creating a side yard setback of 2'-06" instead of the required 7'-0" and a combined side yard setback of approximately 10'-0" instead of the required 18'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-312. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Roger Schiefler of 350 Plymouth Road to allow the construction of a four-stall attached garage creating a rear yard setback of approximately 10'-0" instead of the required 25'-0."

Steve Fry, architect for Mr. and Mrs. Schiefler, was present and answered questions concerning this variance request. He reported that it is the intent of Mr. and Mrs. Shiefler to reattach the separate parcel to the main home's lot and make the current separate parcel at the corner of Wealthy and Plymouth a non-buildable lot.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Audrey Sebastian, 2000 Robinson Road	
- Penny Barrett, 352 Plymouth	In Favor
- John & Renae Jacobitz, 1827 Wealthy	In Favor

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

99-312-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the request of Mr. Roger Schiefler of 350 Plymouth Road to allow the construction of a four-stall attached garage creating a rear yard setback of approximately 10'-0" instead of the required 25'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-313. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 9.102 of Chapter 95 of title IX pertaining to the BOCA Fire Prevention Code.

99-313-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to Section 9.102 of Chapter 95 of title IX pertaining to the BOCA Fire Prevention Code be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-314. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of Chapter 80 of Title VIII pertaining to the BOCA National Building Code.

99-314-A. Williamson-Shimko. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.4 of Chapter 80 of Title VIII pertaining to the BOCA National Building Code be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-315. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Sections 8.91 through 8.94 of Chapter 84 of Title VIII pertaining to the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code.

99-315-A. Williamson-Bartman. That an ordinance amendment to Sections 8.91 through 8.94 of Chapter 84 of Title VIII pertaining to the BOCA National Property Maintenance Code be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-316. Consideration of a request to ratify an emergency contract extension for relocation of chiller piping for the Municipal Complex.

99-316-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the emergency contract extension with Harper Industrial Construction of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$23,340.00 to relocate the supply and return piping for the Municipal Complex air conditioning be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-317. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a plotter for the City Services Department.

99-317-A. Shimko-Williamson. That the purchase of a DesignJet plotter from CyberNET Engineering of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$3,989.00 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-318. Consideration of a request to award a contract for janitorial bids for City buildings

99-318-A. Williamson-Lawless. That a contract in the amount of \$32,160.00 be awarded to Associated Building Services of Grand Rapids to perform janitorial services within the municipal buildings.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-319. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of a backhoe for the City Services Department.

99-319-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the purchase of a Cat 426C backhoe/loader from Michigan Cat of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$67,900 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-320. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of materials for the construction of a speed monitoring trailer for the Public Safety Department

99-320-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to purchase materials from Carrier and Cable in the amount of \$8,000 and other materials from local vendors for a total price not-to-exceed \$12,000 for a two-sided speed monitoring trailer be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-321. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of software upgrades for the Assessor's Department.

99-321-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the purchase of the Windows version of Equalizer Assessing System from BS&A Software and the Windows version of the Assessor Sketch software in the amount of \$684.95 from Apex Software be approved with a corresponding budget amendment of \$380.00.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-322. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the remodeling of the Public Safety Building and to approve expenditures for temporary buildings and utilities.

Bob Olson of Cox Medendorp & Olson reviewed the bids received and answered questions from the City Commission. It was noted that the plumbing contractor proposed by CD Barnes was unacceptable to the City and that the contractor had been replaced with another firm at no cost to the City.

99-322-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That a contract for the remodeling of the Public Safety Building be awarded to CD Barnes Associates of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$920,600.00, and the remaining \$291,400 of budgeted costs be placed into contingency for future project costs.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-322-B. Williamson-Lawless. That the temporary utility, storage and office rental costs in the amount not-to-exceed \$35,000 from the vendors proposed, and the waterproof deck coating costs of \$69,960 from DC Byers Company be approved as outlined in the staff memorandum.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-323. Consideration of a request to award a contract for road construction.

99-323-A. Shimko-Lawless. That the annual road construction program contract be awarded to Loadstar Construction of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$493,435.00 with project contingencies of \$67,018.80 and \$120,000 for the Orchard watermain for a project total of \$680,435.00, and that the corresponding budget transfer of \$150,000 from the Major Street Fund to the Local Street Fund be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-324. Consideration of a request to amend the Joint Facilities Budget for Fiscal Year 1998-99.

99-324-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the Joint Facilities budget for FY 1998-99 be amended to approve the electrical service costs of \$4,900 and scoreboard installation costs of \$3,500 for the scoreboard at the Manhattan softball field be approved as requested by Mayor Edison on behalf of the Joint Facilities Committee.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-325. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held March 8, 1999 were received.

99-326. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held February 9, 1999 were received.

99-327. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held March 9, 1999 were received.

99-328. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held March 5, 1999 were received.

99-329. The City Services Department Report for the month of March 1999 was received.

99-330. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution recognizing the East Grand Rapids Team Boosters as a non-profit organization for the purpose of conducting fund raising programs.

99-330-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the resolution recognizing the East Grand Rapids Team Boosters as a non-profit organization for the purpose of holding a charity raffle be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-331. Mike Walton, 1545 Eastlawn, was present and spoke about several issues: the new city entry signs are in place and look great; Commissioners Mehney and Williamson have served the City for many years and will

be greatly missed after their terms are finished this fall; something should be done about the advertising on the sides of construction/job trailers parked on construction sites if this violates East Grand Rapids ordinances; and the remodeling of the Public Safety Department has been a long time coming and will be greatly appreciated by the staff.

Chief Gallagher reported that monthly activity report for the Public Safety Department is being refined and software glitches fixed. The new format is much easier to read, and the reports for January, February and March will be ready soon.

- 99-332. Commissioner Bartman asked that Gladstone between Robinson and Wealthy be reviewed for possible reconstruction soon. She also congratulated the Public Safety Department on their outstanding performance during several serious fires during the past several days. Commissioner Bartman also reported that she had received a call from a resident concerning the appeal of a denied claim, and that raised a concern about the lack of first ward representation on the Finance Committee.

Commissioner Bartman also asked that the issue of regrading and landscaping lots when a house has been demolished should be investigated by staff. She had received a complaint from a resident near a lot that has been left a mess.

Commissioner Shimko also expressed his satisfaction with the new city entry signs and wondered what would be done with the old signs. City Manager Donovan replied that this was being researched and would be brought back to the Commission for a decision.

Commissioner Shimko also asked the Public Safety Department to investigate a cargo van parked near his home that was difficult to see around at an intersection.

Commissioner Williamson expressed the sympathy of the entire City Commission to Parks & Recreation Director Bill Rhodes on the passing of his mother recently. He also stated that everyone would miss Bill upon his retirement in September.

- 99-333. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until May 3, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

- Attachments: A - Ordinance Amendment to Section 9.102 regarding Fire Prevention Code
B - Ordinance Amendment to Sections 8.1 to 8.4 regarding National Building Code
C - Ordinance Amendment to Sections 8.91 to 8.94 regarding BOCA Maintenance Code
D - Resolution recognizing East Grand Rapids Team Boosters

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held May 3, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:34 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

99-334. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 29, 1999 were received as submitted.

99-335. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received:

- A. Letters from Breton Downs elementary school students thanking Mayor Edison for speaking to their classes recently.

99-336. Lawless-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$125,247.65; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$84,787.83, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-337. Members of Girl Scout Troop 716 from Breton Downs Elementary were present and asked permission from the City Commission to begin a public awareness campaign regarding reasons to avoid throwing or dumping items into the storm sewers.

City Manager Donovan thanked the girls for their commitment to educating the public on this issue, but advised them that the City is in the midst of learning about new stormwater regulations and would like to ask that the Girl Scouts wait until next year for the stenciling campaign until everything can be organized under the new rules.

99-337-A. Orlebeke-Shimko. To accept the offer of Girl Scout Troop 716 to distribute fliers and place advertisements regarding the dangers and consequences of dumping materials into the storm sewers.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-338. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson of 2134 Englewood to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home approximately 8'-10" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0".

John Ferguson, 2134 Englewood, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

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

99-338-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferguson of 2134 Englewood to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home approximately 8'-10" from the detached garage instead of the required 10'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

- 99-339. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gadbois of 1013 Floral to allow the construction of a dormer addition creating a third floor living space.

Greg Gadbois, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Cheryl VanAllsburg & Kirk Wishkowski, 963 Floral In Favor

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

- 99-339-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gadbois of 1013 Floral to allow the construction of a dormer addition creating a third floor living space be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

- 99-340. The quarterly financial reports for the period ending March 31, 1999 were received.

- 99-341. Consideration of a request to set dates for public hearings regarding the proposed budget and the placement of delinquent accounts on the tax roll.

- 99-341-A. Williamson-Bartman. That June 7, 1999 be established as the date for public hearings for the budget and for delinquent accounts, and the date to hold a special meeting to adopt the budget.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

- 99-342. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the placement of artificial turf at the middle school soccer/lacrosse field.

Mayor Edison explained the recommendations of the Joint Facilities Committee and the reimbursement of the school district for the interest lost during the time period between paying for the project and receiving the money from donors.

Commissioner Williamson asked about the school's financial commitment to restore the field to original condition after the construction. He was also concerned about the replacement of the softball fields that would be lost and about planning for the replacement of this surface in approximately ten years.

Commissioner Lawless proposed that the City not pay for the half of the interest lost and not ask the schools to pay any additional funds for the reconstruction.

Mayor Edison spoke in favor of the City setting aside one-tenth of the proposed replacement costs in their yearly budget as a designated item.

- 99-342-A. Lawless-Shimko. That items 1-6 of the recommendation from the Joint Facilities Committee be approved, and that reconstruction costs budgeted by the schools be substituted for the interest reimbursement request.

1. Install a 2 ½" synthetic turf at the Middle School for soccer/lacrosse.
2. Award the bid to Katerburg-VerHage in the amount of \$772,010 for the installation of the field.
3. Transfer the \$120,000 in the designated fund for the soccer/lacrosse field to a Parks and Recreation capital account.
4. Accept the proposal for fundraising in the amount of \$532,000.

5. Authorize \$30,000 from the 1999-2000 Joint Facilities capital budget to cover the City's share of construction contingencies and architect's fees.
6. Ask for pricing from Katerburg-VerHage on upgrading the end areas of the field to create grass end zones for football.

Commissioner Orlebeke stated that he was against this project because he felt that this would be limiting the use of a prime lakefront area by East Grand Rapids citizens.

Commissioner Lawless stated that he still felt the middle school was not the optimum location for this field, but that other questions had been answered and compromises reached that meant this project would benefit the community.

Commissioner Shimko spoke in favor of the field at the middle school site because it would allow more sports the opportunity to use this site. He also urged that the replacement costs be included in future budgets.

A roll call vote was taken:

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Edison – 4
Nays: Bartman, Orlebeke, Williamson – 3

- 99-343. Consideration of a request to approve the Joint Facilities budget for FY 1999-2000.

Mayor Edison stated that the FY 99-00 budget should be amended to show that the pool platform starting covers be paid for from the Joint Facilities Fund at a cost of \$500. The ending balance being carried forward would be reduced to \$253 after paying for this item.

- 99-343-A. Shimko-Lawless. That the Joint Facilities budget for FY 1999-2000 be approved as recommended by the Joint Facilities Committee with the amendment above.

Commissioner Williamson questioned whether the proposed \$60,000 contribution by the City for the Joint Facilities Capital Projects should be shown in this Joint Facilities budget because this item has not yet been approved by the City Commission during its budget process.

- 99-343-B. Williamson-Bartman. Motion to amend 99-343-A. to remove the \$60,000 contribution to the Joint Facilities Capital Projects until this item has been approved by the City Commission.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5
Nays: Lawless, Mehney – 2

Vote on 99-343-A. as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

- 99-344. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of watermain materials.

99-344-A. Williamson-Shimko. That contracts be awarded to East Jordon Iron Works in the amount of \$22,960.40 and to R. VanderLind & Son in the amount of \$3,916.00 and to Etna Supply in the amount of \$3,035.10 for watermain construction materials for upcoming projects.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

- 99-345. Consideration of a request to approve a budget amendment and payment of an invoice for the widening of Lake Drive.

99-345-A. Shimko-Lawless. That the payment of \$54,997.30 to the City of Grand Rapids for the widening of Lake Drive from Woodshire to the east city limits during 1996, and the corresponding budget amendment from the Major Street Fund Ending Balance to the Major Street Fund Work in Progress Account be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-346. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of ear protection/radio headset systems for the Public Safety Department.

99-346-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the purchase and installation of the Ear Protection/Radio Headset system for the fire apparatus from T & W Electronics of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$5,787.65 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-347. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the dredging of Reeds Lake behind the Public Safety Building.

99-347-A. Williamson-Shimko. That a contract in the amount of \$41,000 be awarded to Quantum Construction of Douglas, Michigan, for the dredging of the boat launch and storm sewer discharge area behind the Public Safety Building.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-348. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the telephone and computer cabling in conjunction with the remodeling of the Public Safety Building.

99-348-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a contract be awarded to All-Tronics Inc in the amount of \$12,285.00 for the cabling required for phone and computer lines in the remodeled Public Safety Building.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-349. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held March 31, 1999 were received.

99-350. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held March 29, 1999 were received.

99-351. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of January 1999 was received.

99-352. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of February 1999 was received.

99-353. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of March 1999 was received.

99-354. No other public comment was received.

99-355. Commissioner Mehney questioned members of the Finance Committee on an issue they had recently considered.

Commissioner Orlebeke thanked the members of the Joint Facilities Committee for all of their work on the soccer/lacrosse field issue.

Commissioner Lawless reported receiving many complements on the new city entry signs.

Commissioner Williamson asked Mayor Edison to appoint a replacement on the Waste-To-Energy Committee since he will no longer be able to serve on this board after December.

Commissioner Shimko asked the City Commission for permission to use one of the former city entrance signs as an auction item for an upcoming Athletic Boosters function. The City Commission will consider this request at its next meeting.

Mayor Edison announced that he would not be seeking re-election for the office of Mayor in November because of time constraints at his office and the desire to spend more time with his family. Everyone expressed their sorrow at this announcement and wished Mayor Edison "good luck" on his future endeavors.

99-356. Williamson-Bartman. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-357. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until May 17, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held May 17, 1999

The meeting was called to order by President Williamson at 7:33 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Clerk Brower; Administrative Intern Branyan

99-358. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 3, 1999 were received as submitted.

99-359. Lawless-Shimko. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$163,035.46; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$153,156.80, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko and Williamson – 5

Nays: -0-

99-360. Dr. James Morse, Superintendent of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, was present and reviewed the School District's Five-Year Strategic Plan, the plans for a bond issue election in November and answered questions from the City Commission.

Mayor Edison and Commissioner Orlebeke arrived.

99-361. Consideration of a request to adopt a policy concerning the previous city entrance signs.

Commissioners Mehney and Shimko spoke in favor of giving one of the entry signs to the Team Boosters to be used as a fundraising item at the coaches appreciation night banquet this week.

99-361-A. Lawless-Mehney. That two of the former East Grand Rapids city entrance signs be given to the Gerald R. Ford Museum and the East Grand Rapids Historical Room at the Library, that one sign be given to the Team Boosters for their fundraising auction, and that the remaining signs be reserved for future fundraising efforts in conjunction with a city endowment foundation.

Commissioner Orlebeke felt that a system should be developed and all signs should be given out at once, not done when requests were received.

Commissioner Bartman suggested auctioning all of the signs and starting a student scholarship fund for students interested in careers in public service.

99-361-B. Orlebeke-Mehney. To amend 99-361-A. to give the "President" sign to the Gerald R. Ford Museum, to give one of the "38th President" signs to the Team Boosters, and to refer the matter of the disposition of remaining signs to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: Bartman – 1

City Manager Donovan stated the Historical Archives Room at the Library should receive a sign for the City archives collection.

99-361-C. To amend 99-361-B. to give the "President" sign to the Gerald R. Ford Museum, to give one of the "38th President" signs to the Team Boosters, to give the City archives one "38th President" sign and one "Vice President" sign and to refer the matter of the disposition of remaining signs to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: Bartman – 1

Vote on 99-361-A. as amended:

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: Bartman – 1

99-362. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving a pension change for the Public Safety Officers Labor Union.

99-362-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a resolution approving a change to the pension plan for the Public Safety Officers Union be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-363. Consideration of a request to set a hearing date for delinquent accounts to be placed on the tax roll.

99-363-A. Bartman-Shimko. That June 7, 1999 be established as the public hearing date for delinquent accounts to be placed on the summer tax roll.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-364. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a new dump truck for the Streets & Utilities Department.

99-364-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the purchase of a Freightliner model FL70 truck from Freightliner of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$38,770.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-365. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of mobile data terminals for the Public Safety Department.

99-365-A. Williamson-Lawless.. That the purchase of six mobile data terminals, related equipment and installation from Motorola Corporation in the amount of \$50,985.00 from the Drug Seizure Fund be approved as requested.

Commissioner Lawless asked staff to research any possible class action lawsuits against Motorola for selling equipment within recent years that was not Year 2000 compliant.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-366. Consideration of a request to award a contract for fireworks for the annual 4th of July celebration.

99-366-A. Shimko-Lawless. That a contract in the amount of \$9,000 be awarded to Pyrotecnico of New Castle, Pennsylvania, for the annual 4th of July fireworks show, and that the Parks & Recreation Director be authorized to use the 10% discount offered by the vendor to purchase additional fireworks for the show.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-367. No other public comment was received.

99-368. Commissioner Williamson reported that the Planning Commission had approved a rezoning request for a parcel on Bagley Avenue and that this issue would be coming before the City Commission for final approval. Commissioner Williamson felt that this decision should not be made until the Comprehensive Master Plan was completed and a plan for the future of the business district has been identified. City Attorney Huff advised that this request could not be delayed indefinitely and should be acted on in a timely manner, even if this means before the Comprehensive Master Plan is completed since the rezoning request was filed by the property owner.

Commissioner Mehney reported that the East Grand Rapids Team Boosters has pledged \$50,000 toward the new artificial turf soccer/lacrosse field.

Commissioner Bartman commended the City Services Department for their efforts in making the annual Clean-Up Day a success on May 15th and noted that this event was a fantastic kick-off for the “Public Works Week” observation. Commissioner Bartman also noted that the Police Officers Memorial Service was held in Grand Rapids last week to honor officers who died in the line of duty.

Mayor Edison reported that the annual “Growing Communities” conference through the Grand Valley Metro Council was coming up soon. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mayor Edison for further details.

Mayor Edison also reported that two meetings have been set to disseminate information to neighbors of Metropolitan Hospital on the hospital’s expansion plans. The City Commissioners and the public are invited to the next meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School.

99-369. Bartman-Lawless. To add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve costs for refurbishing of a police cruiser for the Public Safety Department. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-370. Consideration of a request to approve costs for refurbishing of a police cruiser for the Public Safety Department.

99-370-A. Bartman-Lawless. Motion to approve refurbishing costs in the amount of \$12,000 for the repair of Public Safety patrol car #258, and to approve the related budget amendment in the MERF account for this expenditure.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-371. Lawless-Williamson. Motion to enter into an executive session following the budget worksession to discuss a personnel evaluation in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-372. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until June 7, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution approving pension change for PSO Union

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

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held June 7, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Finance Director VanderWall; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower; Administrative Intern Branyan

99-373. The minutes of the regular meeting held May 17, 1999 were received as submitted.

99-374. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A) Card from Dr. James Morse, School Superintendent, thanking the Public Safety Department for their assistance directing traffic during graduation recently.
- B) Letter from Mrs. Polson of Porter Hills Retirement Community thanking Sgt. Bolen and PSO Weertman for their help and a ride home after her car broke down while travelling through East Grand Rapids.

99-375. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$204,403.20; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$324,344.84, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

99-376. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Robert Bell Jr. of 563 Lovett to allow the construction of an addition to the front of the existing detached garage to be approximately 6" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0."

Robert Bell, 563 Lovett, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

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

99-376-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the request of Mr. Robert Bell Jr. of 563 Lovett to allow the construction of an addition to the front of the existing detached garage to be approximately 6" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

99-377. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carpenter of 1128 Eastwood to allow the construction of a detached garage to be approximately 1'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0."

Mark Carpenter, 1128 Eastwood, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

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

99-377-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carpenter of 1128 Eastwood to allow the construction of a detached garage to be approximately 1'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-378. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Penrod of 2426 Santa Monica to allow the construction of an above ground swimming pool to be located 4'-0" from the rear and side property lines instead of the required 10'-0."

Mr. and Mrs. Penrod, 2426 Santa Monica, were present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

Bill and Pam Rea, 2422 Santa Monica, were present and expressed their opposition to the placement of the pool so close to their property line because of the noise and water splashing near their outdoor living area and the possibility of flooding on their property if the above ground pool bursts.

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

99-378-A. Lawless-Mehney. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Penrod of 2426 Santa Monica to allow the construction of an above ground swimming pool to be located 4'-0" from the rear and side property lines instead of the required 10'-0" be approved with the understanding that the homeowner will need to remove the pool at their own expense if the utility easement needs to be used in the future.

Commissioner Lawless spoke about the reasons for the ordinance requiring a 10 foot setback from neighboring property lines to protect surrounding homeowners from noise and splashing water.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney – 2
Nays: Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5

99-379. Peter Varga, Executive Director of GRATA, was present and reviewed the proposal to create an Act 196 Authority to provide public transportation services.

99-380. Bartman-Orlebeke. Motion to add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve participation by the City of East Grand Rapids in the Board of Directors formed to study an Act 196 Authority for transportation services.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-381. Consideration of a request to approve participation by the City of East Grand Rapids in the Board of Directors formed to study an Act 196 Authority for transportation services.

99-381-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the request to approve participation by the City of East Grand Rapids in the Board of Directors formed to study an Act 196 Authority for transportation services be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-382. Consideration of a request to approve a marina license application by Runnels Marina.

99-382-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the marina license application of Runnel's Marina be approved for a total of 36 boats with no designation between sailboats vs. motorized boats.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning the granting of this marina license:

- Bob Swain, 514 Lakeside	Opposed
- Carla Waite, 518 Lakeside	In Favor
- Chris Gibb, 1525 Woodcliff	In Favor
- Mark Hanisch, 1429 Woodlawn	In Favor
- Greg Gilmore, Rose's Marina	In Favor
- Sheila Hanisch, 1429 Woodlawn	In Favor
- Lynn Chauvin, 344 Rosewood	In Favor
- Jack Runnels, 518 Lakeside	In Favor
- Dan Flynn, 527 Greenwood	In Favor
- Tamsen Clark, 2615 Frederick	In Favor

The City Commission discussed the ordinance provisions for the licensing of marinas, whether or not conditions could be placed on the granting of a marina license, and the previous confusion regarding whether the boats stored at the marina could be motorized. City Attorney Huff advised that conditions could be placed on the license.

99-382-B. Lawless-_____. Motion to amend 99-382-A. to limit the number of boats stored on-shore to twelve, and to allow the twenty-four boats stored in the water to be motorized or non-motorized.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Vote on 99-382-A.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: Lawless – 1

The City Commission asked staff to research whether or not a state license was needed to operate a marina, and to include a question on the marina application regarding the number and type of boats being stored at the marina.

99-383. Consideration of a request to approve a marina license application by Rose's Marina.

Greg Gilmore, owner of the marina, was present to speak in favor of the application and answer questions from the City Commissioners.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning the granting of this marina license:

- Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl	Questioned available parking
- Jack Runnels, 518 Lakeside	In Favor

99-383-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the marina license application of Rose's Marina be approved for a total of 62 boats with no designation between sailboats vs. motorized boats.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-
Abstain: Mehney – 1

99-384. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution recognizing the Little Heroes Foundation as a non-profit organization for the purpose of conducting fund raising programs.

99-384-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the resolution recognizing the Little Heroes Foundation as a non-profit organization for the purpose of holding a charity raffle be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-385. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Section 5.190 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code to rezone the property located at 725 Bagley Avenue from B-1 multiple family to C-1 commercial.

Mayor Edison announced that the formal public hearing would be held on June 21st, but that residents in attendance were welcome to give brief comments regarding this issue. The following people were present to express their feelings concerning this request:

- Sue Harmon, 739 Bagley	Keep residents feelings in mind
- Greg Gilmore, Rose's Restaurant	In Favor

Commissioner Williamson spoke against considering this request before the Planning Commission completes the new Master Plan. He favored waiting until the Master Plan was complete and then looking at the entire Gaslight Village area as a whole.

Commissioner Bartman expressed her opposition to rezoning the property because she felt the residential character of the street needed to be protected, and because once the property is rezoned, the City would have no control over what type of business would locate in this building.

Mayor Edison stated his feelings that the ordinance should be introduced so that the applicants could make their presentation and the residents and merchants could voice their opinions at the next meeting.

99-385-A. Orlebeke-Shimko. That the ordinance amendment to Section 5.190 of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code to rezone the property located at 725 Bagley Avenue from B-1 multiple family to C-1 commercial be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto, and that a hearing date of June 21, 1999 be set for the final reading of this ordinance amendment.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Edison – 5
Nays: Bartman, Williamson – 2

99-386. A public hearing was held on the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts for placement on the July 1, 1999 tax roll. No public comment was made.

99-386-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the special assessment roll of delinquent accounts totaling \$51,459.12 be certified and that these accounts be placed on the July 1, 1999 tax roll.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-387. A public hearing was held pertaining to the General Fund budget and the property tax levy for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. No public comment was made.

99-388. The schedule of City Commission meeting dates for FY 1999-2000 was received.

The Traffic Commission meeting date of July 2, 1999 was changed to July 9, 1999.

99-389. Consideration of a request to award a contract for t-shirts for FY 1999-2000 Parks & Recreation Department programs.

99-389-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a contract in the amount of \$24,544.25 be awarded to Kel Graphics of Cadillac, Michigan, for t-shirts for FY 1999-2000.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-390. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution setting fees for the issuance of telecommunications permits.

99-390-A. Williamson-Shimko. That a resolution setting telecommunications permitting fees be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

99-391. Discussion of readiness-to-serve charges and water/sewer rates for FY 1999-2000.

The City Commission discussed the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee regarding proposed changes to the readiness-to-serve pricing structure.

99-391-A. Lawless-Mehney. Motion to adopt the method of readiness-to-serve charges based on the current quarter's water usage as recommended by the Infrastructure Committee, but to delay the implementation of the new method until January 1, 2000 to avoid basing the charges on the summer's high usage patterns.

The City Commission discussed the various options and asked questions of staff on the impact of starting the new method effective July 1st or waiting until January 1st. Staff felt that although there would certainly be complaints when the new bills go out, there would not be a difference between July and January, and that the effect on water/sewer fund revenue would be minimal.

99-391-B. Orlebeke-Bartman. Motion to delete the reference to January 1st and to implement the new method effective July 1, 1999, to direct staff to make the residents aware of the upcoming change as soon as possible, and to authorize staff to set up six-month payment plans for residents who were unable to pay a large water bill due to the new charges.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Edison – 6
Nays: Williamson – 1

Vote on 99-391-A. as amended:

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Edison – 6
Nays: Williamson – 1

99-392. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held April 26, 1999 were received.

99-393. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of April 1999 was received.

99-394. Geoff Hughes, 260 Hodenpyl, was present and spoke about running for Mayor in November and some of the issues he felt would be important in the campaign.

99-395. Commissioner Mehney congratulated the girls golf team and the boys lacrosse team on their respective state championships. Commissioner Mehney also commented on the attractiveness of the city to people looking to move here and thanked Mayor Edison for continuing to work closely with the schools.

Commissioner Bartman asked city staff to consider asking residents to bring a canned food item to the block parties this summer to benefit a local food bank. She also commended Susan Perry of the Parks & Recreation Department for her excellent work with the pool programs, and suggested that the Parks & Recreation Department begin looking at a girls lacrosse program.

Commissioner Shimko asked City staff to use an upcoming issue of the city newsletter to educate the residents about the city's leash law.

Mayor Edison complimented the students of the East Grand Rapids High School for the excellent musical performed recently and for the inspiring graduation ceremony. He also thanked the School District for all of the invitations to be part of the schools dedication activities.

Commissioner Orlebeke congratulated his son Andrew Orlebeke for winning the Citizenship Award at Breton Downs Elementary recently.

99-396. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:47 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until June 21, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution recognizing Little Heroes Foundation
B - Ordinance amendment
C - Resolution adopting telecommunications permitting fees

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Special Meeting Held June 7, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 9:47 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Donovan; City Attorney Huff; Finance Director VanderWall; City Clerk Brower

99-397. Resolution adopting the FY 1999-2000 budget and setting a millage rate for the coming year.

99-397-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a resolution adopting the FY 1999-2000 budget as amended during the budget worksession and setting the millage rate at 15.056 for FY 1999-2000, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

99-398. Resolution establishing water/sewer rates for FY 1999-2000.

99-398-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That a resolution setting water/sewer rates for the upcoming fiscal year be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

99-399. The special meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until June 21, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution adopting FY 1999-2000 budget.
B – Resolution establishing water/sewer rates for FY 1999-2000.

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held June 21, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Bartman

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; City Clerk Brower

Mayor Edison announced that the request for the rezoning of the property at 725 Bagley had been withdrawn by the applicant and that the public hearing had been cancelled.

99-400. Mayor Edison also announced that there was an item to be added to the agenda for consideration.

99-400-A. Williamson-Shimko. Motion to add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve transportation costs for spoils from the dredging project behind City Hall. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

99-401. Commissioner Lawless asked that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 7, 1999 be corrected by adding the phrase “per the sketches submitted by the applicant” to the end of the motions for 99-382-A. and 99-383-A. and by adding the words “non-motorized” before the word “twelve” in motion 99-382-B. The other commissioners agreed with this change. The minutes of the regular meeting held June 7, 1999 were then received as corrected.

The minutes of the special meeting held June 7, 1999 were received as submitted.

99-402. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

A) Letter from High School Principal Pat Cwayna thanking Grounds Maintenance Supervisor Dan DeLooff and his staff for the excellent condition of the high school grounds prior to the graduation ceremonies recently.

99-403. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$137,012.88; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$583.72; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$536,712.49, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-404. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. James Bailey of 2662 Richards Drive to allow the construction of detached garage approximately 1’-0” from the side lot line instead of the required 3’-0”

James Bailey, 2662 Richards, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- Bill Poisson, 2718 Richards

In Favor

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Bill Poisson, 2718 Richards In Favor

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

99-404-A. Shimko-Orlebeke. That the request of Mr. James Bailey of 2662 Richards Drive to allow the construction of detached garage approximately 1'-0" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-405. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Thomas Cole of 2145 Lake Drive to allow the construction of detached garage approximately 1'-6" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0"

Thomas Cole, 2145 Lake Drive, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- James Sears, 2137 Lake Drive Concerned about fence

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

99-405-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the request of Mr. Thomas Cole of 2145 Lake Drive to allow the construction of detached garage approximately 1'-6" from the side lot line instead of the required 3'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

99-406. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Michael Smith, owner of 652-654 Crowell, to allow the construction of a second floor addition without constructing any additional parking spaces.

Mike Smith, owner of 652-654 Crowell, was present and answered questions regarding the variance request.

The following people were present and expressed their views concerning this variance request:

- Mike Hoffman, 2135 Wealthy In Favor

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Gary Geenen, owner of D&W Plaza Opposed
- David Beswick, owner of Jersey Junction In Favor
- Owner of Leigh's Fur Salon Opposed

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

Commissioner Williamson was concerned about the current lack of parking during certain times of the day and about where the employees working in the new addition would be parking. The applicant addressed these concerns by saying that most of their work with clients was done off-site, and that the employees would be required to park away from the immediate area.

Commissioner Lawless spoke in favor of the request stating that renting second floor space was difficult to do and that this would be an improvement to the overall look and feel of Gaslight Village.

99-406-A. Lawless-Mehney. That the request of Mr. Michael Smith, owner of Jersey Junction, to allow the construction of a second floor addition without constructing any additional parking spaces be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: Williamson – 1

99-407. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Section 2.45 and repealing Sections 2.46 of Chapter 23 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to private sewer systems.

99-407-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the ordinance amendment to Section 2.45 and repealing Sections 2.46 of Chapter 23 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to private sewer systems be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-408. Consideration of a request to award a contract for lane striping and crosswalk markings for city streets.

99-408-A. Shimko-Orlebeke. That the contract for lane striping and crosswalk markings be awarded to Clark Highway Services of Lake City, Michigan in the amount of \$9,203.75.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-409. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of new portable radios for the Public Safety Department.

99-409-A. Williamson-Lawless. That the purchase of four portable radios and related equipment in the amount of \$4,155.00 from T & W Electronics and the related budget amendment of \$1,455.00 from the Drug Seizure Account be approved as requested.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-410. Consideration of a request to approve commission appointments for FY 1999-2000.

99-410-A. Shimko-Orlebeke. That the FY 1999-2000 commission appointments as recommended by Mayor Edison be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-411. Consideration of a request to award a contract for publication of agendas and minutes.

99-411-A. Williamson-Lawless. That a three-year contract be awarded to the Grand Rapids Press for publication of minutes and agendas at a cost of \$2.67 per column inch for FY 1999-2000, \$2.75 per inch for FY 2000-01, and \$2.80 per inch for FY 2001-02.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-412. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the repair of Manhattan Soccer Field #5, and to approve a corresponding Joint Facilities budget amendment.

99-412-A. Lawless-Shimko. That a contract for the repair of Manhattan Soccer Field #5 be awarded to Turf Services in the amount of \$43,355 as recommended by the Joint Facilities Committee, and that the Joint Facilities Budget be amended from \$20,000 to \$43,600 for this repair.

Commissioner Mehney asked staff to explore the possibility of having two-year-old sod installed on this field to ensure a better playing surface for fall use.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-413. Disposition of old city entrance signs.

99-413-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That the recommendation of the Finance Committee to give one old city entrance sign to each of the three public elementary schools for their fundraising activities, and that the remainder of the old signs be retained by the city for future use with fundraising activities be approved.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-414. Consideration of a request to approve the disposal of materials from the dredging of the boat launch and storm drain area behind the Public Safety Building.

99-414-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That a contract for the disposal of materials from the dredging project be awarded to Sunset Waste in the amount of \$20,800, and that a corresponding budget amendment of \$8,000 from the General Fund undesignated balance to this project be approved as requested.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-415. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held May 10, 1999 were received.

99-416. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held May 11, 1999 were received.

99-417. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meetings held April 19, 1999 and May 24, 1999 were received.

99-418. The City Services Department Report for the month of May 1999 was received.

Commissioner Lawless complimented the City Services Department for their excellent work completing the project on Albert with excellent work in good time.

99-419. Bill Poisson, 2718 Richards, was present to ask for a change in the readiness-to-serve rate structure from a separate enterprise fund to be part of the general operating fund so that these charges would be included in the property tax bill and eligible for federal and state tax deductions. Mayor Edison answered some of Mr. Poisson's questions.

David Bulkowski of the Grand Rapids Center for Independent Living, was present and thanked the East Grand Rapids City Commission for their leadership in joining the GRATA Act 196 Authority Planning Board and encouraged participation by all residents in the planning process.

Judy Bradewey, 1770 Ridgemoor, was present and also thanked East Grand Rapids for agreeing to participate in the GRATA Planning Board.

99-420. Commissioner Lawless complimented staff on the excellent "Employee Newsletter" recently instituted. He also thanked all of the families who helped with the construction of the Breton Downs playground recently. Commissioner Lawless also stated that he looked forward to working with the Grand Rapids Yacht Club to resolve the issues surrounding the city's marina licensing ordinance.

Commissioner Mehney stated his encouragement to the staff on the proposal to make the city entrance sign on the Lake Drive east city limits into a larger sign.

Mayor Edison invited the City Commissioners and their families to join him in the city vehicle for the 4th of July Celebration parade. He also congratulated Commissioner Shimko and his wife on their mysterious good luck in winning the car given away in the Team Boosters Raffle (of which Commissioner Shimko was a major organizer!).

99-421. Williamson-Shimko. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

99-422. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until July 6, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment pertaining to private sewers

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

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held July 6, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; City Clerk Brower; Administrative Intern Branyan

2000-1. Lawless-Shimko. Motion to enter into an executive session to discuss pending litigation and collective bargaining with in accordance Sections 8(e) and 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko and Edison – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-2. The regular meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. following the executive session. Commissioners Orlebeke and Williamson arrived at this time.

2000-3. Commissioner Lawless asked that paragraph 99-401 concerning the minutes of the June 7, 1999 meeting be amended to read as follows (additions underlined):

99-401. Commissioner Lawless asked that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 7, 1999 be corrected by adding the phrase “per the sketches submitted by the applicant” to the end of the motions for 99-382-A. (to confirm spaces for 24 boats in slips and 12 on shore) and to 99-383-A. (to confirm the layout for slips) and by adding the words “non-motorized” before the word “twelve” in motion 99-382-B. The other commissioners agreed with this change. The minutes of the regular meeting held June 7, 1999 were then received as corrected.

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 21, 1999 were then received as corrected.

2000-4. Williamson-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$136,184.71; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$183,819.31, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

2000-5. Election of President of the City Commission for FY 1999-2000.

2000-5-A. Shimko-Mehney. That Commissioner Don Lawless be elected president of the East Grand Rapids City Commission to assume leadership duties in the absence of the Mayor for FY 1999-2000.

No other nominations were received. Mayor Edison thanked Commissioner Williamson for his leadership over the years that he served as President of the Commission.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-
Abstain: Lawless - 1

2000-6. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 2.45 and repealing Section 2.46 of Chapter 23 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to private sewer systems.

99-422-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the ordinance amendment to Section 2.45 and repealing Section 2.46 of Chapter 23 of Title II of the City Code pertaining to private sewer systems be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-7. Introduction of an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.53 and 5.53A of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to parking requirements for professional offices.

99-422-B. Lawless-Shimko. That the ordinance amendment to Sections 5.53 and 5.53A of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to parking requirements for professional offices be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-8. Consideration of a request to approve an agreement for animal control services.

2000-8-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That an agreement with Kent County for animal control services be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-9. Consideration of a request to award a contract for pedestrian signal work.

2000-9-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That a contract in the amount of \$21,750.00 be awarded to Strain Electric of Grand Rapids for the installation of new pedestrian signals at three intersections, and that a related budget amendment in the amount of \$750.00 from the undesignated fund balance be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-10. Consideration of a request to approve an option for city entrance signs.

2000-10-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the south city entrance sign on Breton Road be replaced with an identical sign at a cost of \$575.00, and that the proposal to enlarge the city entrance sign at the Lake Drive east city limits be rejected in favor of leaving the sign the same as the others.

Commissioner Mehney and Mayor Edison spoke in favor of enlarging the sign on Lake Drive to enhance the main entrance into the city with a larger sign.

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson – 5
Nays: Mehney, Edison – 2

2000-11. Consideration of a request to approve a one-year contract with the Lieutenant's Union.

2000-11-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a one-year collective bargaining agreement with the POLC Public Safety Lieutenant's Union be approved as recommended by the City Manager.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

2000-12. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held June 14, 1999 were received.

2000-13. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of May 1999 was received.

2000-14. Virgil Johanningsmeier, 917 Princeton Blvd, was present and questioned the staff about the specifications for the weed harvesting contractor and asked if the contractor could get closer to shore and the docks. City Services Director Baragar addressed Mr. Johanningsmeier's questions.

2000-15. Commissioner Williamson congratulated all of the staff members involved in the planning and staffing of the 4th of July Celebration over the weekend. The event was fantastic.

Commissioner Shimko commended the members of the bike patrol for their presence in his neighborhood and their accomplishments in reducing the number of thefts throughout the city.

Commissioner Lawless also complimented everyone on the great 4th of July events.

Commissioner Bartman thanked State representatives Doug Hart and Ken Sikkema for their recent assistance with a dredging permit application submitted to the Michigan D.E.Q. She also stated that the fireworks and 4th of July activities were the best ever.

Mayor Edison reported that he and City Manager Donovan had a very informative meeting with Representative Doug Hart last week to go over recent events in Lansing. Mayor Edison also commended all departments involved in the 4th of July events and stated that the community spirit during made the day even better than other community's events.

2000-16. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until July 19, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Ordinance amendment pertaining to private sewers
B - Ordinance amendment pertaining to parking requirements for professional offices
C - Animal Control Agreement

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held July 19, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioners Orlebeke and Williamson

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; City Clerk Brower; Streets & Utilities Foreman Morey; Streets & Utilities Mechanic Barr

2000-17. The minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 1999 were then received as submitted.

2000-18. Lawless-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$144,312.36; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$209,186.22, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-19. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving the purchase of pension credits.

2000-19-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a resolution approving the purchase of additional credited pension service for Martin Tuttle be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-20. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Sections 5.53 and 5.53A of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to parking requirements for professional offices.

2000-20-A. Bartman-Lawless. That the ordinance amendment to Sections 5.53 and 5.53A of Chapter 50 of Title V of the City Code pertaining to parking requirements for professional offices be introduced as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-21. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of fire hoses for the Public Safety Department.

2000-21-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the request to purchase synthetic fire hose from Front Line Services in the amount of \$2,760.00 with a corresponding budget amendment of \$2,260.00 from the General Fund Undesignated Balance be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-22. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held May 24, 1999 were received.

2000-23. The City Services Department Report for the month of May 1999 was received.

- 2000-24. John Meilner, 2841 Oakwood, urged the City Commission to include the Beechwood properties as designated greenspace in the Comprehensive Master Plan update now being compiled.

Chief Gallagher thanked the City Services Department for their excellent work constructing a two-sided speed monitoring trailer for use in speed control on city streets. Chief Gallagher specifically commended Streets & Utilities Foreman Morey and Streets & Utilities Mechanic Barr for their innovative ideas and their quality workmanship in building the device.

- 2000-25. Commissioner Bartman also complimented the City Services Department for their willingness to perform work above and beyond the call of duty and for their continuous quest to improve the quality of services provided to citizens.

Commissioner Bartman also expressed condolences to the family and friends of Benjamin Brown, the East Grand Rapids High School student who died in a traffic accident last week.

Commissioner Shimko addressed Mr. Meilner's concerns about the fact that the planning consultants were not asked to review the Parks & Recreation Master Plan in conjunction with the Comprehensive Master Plan. Commissioner Shimko stated that the City wished to avoid duplication of effort and asked the consultant to focus on other issues besides the parks and recreation areas. The Beechwood matter can be added to the agenda for the next master plan worksession.

Mayor Edison reminded everyone about the employee picnic at Manhattan Park on Wednesday, July 21st and encouraged all Commissioners to stop by for lunch and activities.

Mayor Edison also remarked that the Manhattan Park entrance sign off Cascade Road looked great after being recently repainted.

- 2000-26. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until August 2, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution approving pension service purchase
B - Ordinance amendment pertaining to parking requirements for professional offices

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held August 2, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 5:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioner Orlebeke

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Sluggett; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Finance Director VanderWall; Engineering Supervisor Kadzban; City Clerk Brower

2000-25. The minutes of the regular meeting held July 19, 1999 were then received as submitted.

2000-26. Williamson-Lawless. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$165,116.58; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$623,785.89; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$961,939.74, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-27. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution designating a representative to the annual meeting of the Michigan Municipal League.

2000-27-A. Williamson-Shimko. That City Manager Donovan be appointed the official representative of the City of East Grand Rapids to the annual Michigan Municipal League business meeting in October of 1999.

Commissioner Lawless asked City Manager Donovan to review the agenda for the convention and inform the City Commission of any sessions that might be of particular interest.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

2000-28. Consideration of a request to award a contract for repair and replacement of sidewalks within the City.

2000-28-A. Williamson-Lawless. That a contract in the amount of \$74,650.00 be awarded to Cascade Cement Contracting for the replacement of damaged sidewalks within the City.

Commissioner Bartman arrived.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

2000-29. Consideration of a request to recognize The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a gaming license.

2000-29-A. Shimko-Williamson. That a resolution recognizing recognize The Phoenix Society for Burn Survivors as a non-profit organization for the purpose of obtaining a gaming license be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

2000-30. No other public comment was received.

2000-31. Commissioner Bartman complimented city staff on the new plantings on the triangle at Wealthy/Sherman.

Mayor Edison announced that the agenda for August 16th was also a very short one and that the meeting would again be held at 5:30 p.m. so that everyone could enjoy the summer evening to the fullest.

2000-32. The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until August 16, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution recognizing Phoenix Society for gaming license

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held August 16, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 5:35 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioners Lawless and Williamson

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Assistant Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Streets & Utilities Superintendent Keating; City Clerk Brower; Account Clerk Ritzke

2000-33. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 2, 1999 were then received as submitted.

2000-34. Orlebeke-Bartman. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$148,251.43; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$1,247,283.66; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$165,483.14, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 4

Nays: -0-

2000-35. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution designating a representative to the Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS) annual meeting.

2000-35-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That Finance Director VanderWall be appointed the Officer Delegate and City Manager Donovan be appointed as Alternate Officer Delegate for the Municipal Employees' Retirement System annual meetings.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 4

Nays: -0-

2000-36. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a gas detector for the Streets & Utilities Department.

2000-36-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the purchase of a PhD Ultra Portable gas detector for the Streets & Utilities Department from Argus Supply in the amount of \$2,700.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 4

Nays: -0-

2000-37. Consideration of a request to award a contract for surfacing material at playgrounds.

2000-37-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That the Joint Facilities Committee be authorized to purchase manufactured wood surfacing from Indiana Recreation in the amount of \$9,914.25 from the Joint Facilities Fund.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 4

Nays: -0-

2000-38. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held July 13, 1999 were received

2000-39. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held July 12, 1999 were received.

2000-40. The City Services Department Report for the month of June 1999 was received.

2000-41. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of June 1999 was received.

2000-42. No other public comment was received.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

2000-43. City Manager Donovan announced the appointment of Fred Bunn as the new Parks & Recreation Director effective September 20, 1999. Fred will take the place of Bill Rhodes who is retiring after 29 years of service to the City.

Commissioner Bartman congratulated Mr. Bunn on his promotion. She also thanked the Public Safety Department for their excellent organization of the National Night Out event on August 3rd.

Commissioner Orlebeke also congratulated Mr. Bunn on his appointment and thanked the entire Parks & Recreation Department staff and ground crew for the work on Breton Downs playing fields that have brought them to great playing condition for the start of school.

Commissioner Shimko wished Bill Rhodes the best on his retirement and congratulated Fred Bunn on his promotion to Director of Parks & Recreation.

Mayor Edison reported that he and his children had tried out the new artificial turf soccer/lacrosse field at the middle school and were very impressed with the field.

Commissioner Mehney congratulated Fred Bunn on his promotion.

2000-44. The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until September 7, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution designating representative to the annual MERS meeting.

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS**

Regular Meeting Held September 7, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Parks & Recreation Director Rhodes; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower; PSO Kolster; PSO Rottman; Human Resources Assistant Arthur

2000-45. The minutes of the regular meeting held August 16, 1999 were then received as submitted.

2000-46. Lawless-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$145,924.18; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$2,932,379.31; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$488,609.42, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

2000-47. Scott Kolster and Eric Rottman were sworn in as Public Safety Officers for the City of East Grand Rapids by City Clerk Brower.

Commissioner Mehney arrived.

2000-48. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Tom Wilson and Ms. Christine Byron of 959 Ogden to allow the construction of a 6'-0" privacy fence at 8'-6" north of the southerly lot line instead of the 15'-0" setback required.

Tom Wilson, 959 Ogden, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

2000-48-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the request of Mr. Tom Wilson and Ms. Christine Byron of 959 Ogden to allow the construction of a 6'-0" privacy fence at 8'-6" north of the southerly lot line instead of the 15'-0" setback required be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6

Nays: Williamson – 1

2000-49. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Art Gray of 2608 Hall to allow the construction of a second story above a portion of the existing non-confirming structure

Art Gray, 2608 Hall, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

2000-49-A. Shimko-Williamson. That the request of Mr. Art Gray of 2608 Hall to allow the construction of a second story above a portion of the existing non-confirming structure be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

2000-50. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Renwick of 2150 Anderson to allow the construction of an attached garage creating a rear yard setback of 5'-0" instead of the required 25'-0"

Bob Renwick, 2150 Anderson, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

2000-50-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Renwick of 2150 Anderson to allow the construction of an attached garage creating a rear yard setback of 5'-0" instead of the required 25'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-51. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving the Kent County Solid Waste Plan.

Doug Woods, representative for Kent County, was present to answer questions from the City Commission.

2000-51-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a resolution approving the Kent County Solid Waste Plan be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-52. Consideration of a request to confirm appointments to the Grand Valley Metro Council Blueprint Planning Committee.

2000-52-A. Mehney-Shimko. That Planning Commission members Rick Chapla and Steve Kremers be appointed as the East Grand Rapids representatives to the Grand Valley Metro Council Blueprint Planning Committee.

Commissioner Bartman asked when the meeting for this group would be and requested that one of the current commission members be appointed to this board since the meetings begin before the new commission is elected in November.

2000-52-B. Bartman-Shimko. To amend 2000-53-A. to appoint Rick Chapla and Cindy Bartman as the East Grand Rapids representatives to the Grand Valley Metro Council Blueprint Planning Committee.

Vote on 2000-53-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: Mehney – 1

Vote on 2000-53-A. as amended.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: Mehney – 1

2000-53. Consideration of a request to set a date for Halloween trick-or-treating activities.

2000-53-A. Williamson-Bartman. That Saturday, October 30, 1999 be set as the preferred date for Halloween trick-or-treating for this year.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-54. Consideration of a request to approve a service award program for City employees.

2000-54-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That a service award program for City employees be approved as presented by staff and that a fund transfer of \$3,700 from the General Fund Undesignated Balance to the City Manager Contractual Services Fund be approved for this project.

Mayor Edison spoke in favor of increasing the value of service awards for the 30, 35 and 40 year anniversaries to levels above the 25 year amount of \$250. He felt that the reverting to lower levels after the 25 year anniversary was not showing enough appreciation to employees who spent their careers serving the people of East Grand Rapids. He suggested use of an industry standard of \$10 per year for the awards over 25 years.

2000-54-B. Williamson-Bartman. To amend 2000-55-A. to provide for service awards equivalent to the following schedule:

5 years = \$30 gift
10 years = \$60 gift
15 years = \$90 gift
20 years = \$120 gift
25 years = \$250 gift
30 years = \$300 gift
35 years = \$350 gift
40 years = \$400 gift

Vote on 2000-55-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

Vote on 2000-55-A. as amended:

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-55. Consideration of a request to purchase portable radios for the Public Safety Department.

2000-55-A. Shimko-Williamson. That the request to purchase eleven portable radios and speaker microphones and one six-unit charging station from T & W Electronics at a cost of \$10,543.75 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-56. Consideration of a request to award a contract for shoreline protection behind the municipal complex.

2000-56-A. Williamson-Lawless. That a contract be awarded to Great Western Construction Co. of Rockford Michigan in the amount of \$24,982.85 to construct a 260' seawall along the shore of Reeds Lake behind the municipal complex in conjunction with the reservoir renovation project.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-57. Consideration of a request to approve a change order for the Public Safety Building remodeling project.

2000-57-A. Lawless-Bartman. That a change order in the amount of \$29,718.00 be approved for the contract with C.D. Barnes Associates for additional work and changes in conjunction with the Public Safety Building remodeling project.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-58. Laura Bartleson and Mimi Bartleson were present to ask the City Commission to consider payment of a claim made in connection with a tree branch falling on a car belonging to Mimi Bartleson and her family. Mimi stated that the car did not have more than minimal insurance coverage and that they were seeking reimbursement for the car, personal belongings and some medical bills incurred as a result of this accident. The claim has been sent to the East Grand Rapids Schools since the tree was on the high school grounds. Mayor Edison asked staff to contact the Schools about this claim and then schedule a review by the Finance Committee if warranted.

2000-59. Commissioner Lawless reported that the Breton School playground equipment has been installed by parents and looks great. He also asked commissioners to drive down the unimproved section of Reeds Lake Boulevard to see the boathouse that has been built following a variance granted by the City Commission. He felt the variance requirements should be carefully considered before granting another such variance.

Commissioner Lawless also expressed his disappointment in the court decision to deny the City's request to vacate the unimproved section of Reeds Lake Boulevard. He felt this did not address the problem of the road's condition or the safety/security issues of the traffic through people's backyards.

Commissioner Lawless asked Mayor Edison to place the issue of the Grand Rapids Yacht Club marina license on the next City Commission agenda for discussion. There have been some discussions with the Yacht Club regarding the number of boats stored at their location. These issues need to be resolved soon.

Commissioner Mehney reported that the new soccer/lacrosse field is now completed and the fund raising campaign was successful in raising the necessary funds. A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for the evening of October 12th to officially open the new field.

City Manager Donovan gave an update on the schedule for the review and completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan being compiled by the Planning Commission. Final review by the City Commission is scheduled for late September with Planning Commission adoption in October and November.

Mayor Edison announced that this was the last official meeting for Parks & Recreation Director Bill Rhodes. Bill has served the City of East Grand Rapids for more than 29 years and has earned the respect and admiration of colleagues from across the state and from the citizens of the Grand Rapids area. Bill's expertise and enthusiasm will be sorely missed when he retires next week. Everyone present applauded Bill for his service to East Grand Rapids.

Bill Rhodes thanked everyone for their support and friendship during his 29 years with the City.

2000-60. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until September 20, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution approving Kent County Solid Waste Plan

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held September 20, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Engineering Services Supervisor Kadzban; Building Inspector Conley; City Clerk Brower

2000-62. Mayor Edison announced that there had been a request to add to the agenda approval of a budget amendment for the Joint Facilities Committee.

2000-63. Lawless-Bartman. Motion to add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve an amendment to the FY 1999-2000 Joint Facilities Budget concerning repairs to the Remington Baseball Field. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-64. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 7, 1999 were received with the following correction:

Commissioner Lawless asked that Item 2000-60, paragraph 3, be changed to read: “Commissioner Lawless asked Mayor Edison to place the issue of the scope of the Grand Rapids Yacht Club non-conforming use on the next City Commission agenda for discussion. There have been some discussions with the Yacht Club regarding the number of boats stored at their location. These issues need to be resolved soon.”

2000-65. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A. Thank you card from Bill and Heather Strickland thanking the Public Safety Department for their quick response during an emergency with their young daughter.
- B. Letter from Jim Kuras expressing appreciation to Building Inspector Sharon Conley for her assistance resolving several issues with the building of his new home.

Commissioner Orlebeke arrived.

2000-66. Lawless-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$258,470.82; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$1,344,217.23; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$341,284.29, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-67. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Bill Granzow of 200 Rexford to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home and garage creating a rear yard setback of 8’-0” instead of the required 25’-0.”

Bill Garzow, 200 Rexford, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Louise Neller, 133 Rexford In Favor

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

2000-67-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the request of Mr. Bill Granzow of 200 Rexford to allow the construction of an addition to the rear of the home and garage creating a rear yard setback of 8'-0" instead of the required 25'-0" be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-68. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. Dean Cohen of 1750 Whitfield Road to allow the construction of an addition to the existing garage creating a front yard setback of 55'-0" instead of the required 58'-0."

Mary Mull of Blodgett Construction, representative for Mr. Cohen, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Wilbur Baumruk, 1758 Asbury No Objection

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

2000-68-A. Orlebeke-Shimko. That the request of Mr. Dean Cohen of 1750 Whitfield Road to allow the construction of an addition to the existing garage creating a front yard setback of 55'-0" instead of the required 58'-0" be approved.

Several commissioners expressed concern about the close proximity of the proposed addition to the road and the fact that there are no other homes that are set that far forward on the lot. The new Comprehensive Master Plan specifically addresses this type of variance request and the need to discourage these additions to preserve the character of East Grand Rapids neighborhoods.

Yeas: Bartman, Orlebeke and Shimko – 3
Nays: Lawless, Mehney, Williamson, and Edison – 4

2000-69. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan of 965 Cambridge Blvd to allow the construction of a wooden privacy fence on the south lot line abutting the street right-of-way instead of the 15'-0" setback required.

Bill Ryan, 965 Cambridge, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

The following people were present and expressed their opinions concerning this variance request:

- Parker Terryberry, 950 Rosewood Opposed
- Frank Blossom, 984 Gladstone Opposed

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Andrew Maternowski and Monica Randles, 1748 Alexander Opposed
- Joan VanderPloeg, 965 Rosewood No objection

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

2000-69-A. Williamson-_____. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan of 965 Cambridge Blvd to allow the construction of a wooden privacy fence on the south lot line abutting the street right-of-way instead of the 15'-0" setback required be denied.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

2000-69-B. Mehney-_____. That the request of Mr. and Mrs. William Ryan of 965 Cambridge Blvd to allow the construction of a wooden privacy fence on the south lot line abutting the street right-of-way instead of the 15'-0" setback required be approved as requested with the condition that appropriate landscaping be installed to screen the fence.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

2000-69-C. Lawless-Mehney. Motion to approve the 6'-0" fence along Rosewood with a 4'-0" setback from the edge of the sidewalk as presented in the revised drawing recommended by staff.

Several Commissioners expressed concern about the height and length of the fence along a street creating a "walled" look and detracting from the aesthetics and character of the neighborhood, even if suitable landscaping is installed. Several options were discussed with Mr. Ryan; however none were acceptable to both the City Commission and Mr. Ryan.

2000-69-D. Mehney-Lawless. Motion to table this request until the applicant has a chance to review the options available with staff members and revise the variance application.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6

Nays: -0-

Abstain: Orlebeke – 1

2000-70. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of St. Stephen's Parish of 740 Gladstone to allow the construction of chain link fence with a height of 10'-0" along Rosewood Avenue and Reed Street instead of the allowable 6'-0."

Nan Swanson, principal of St. Stephens School, was present and spoke in favor of the variance request.

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

2000-70-A. Lawless-Bartman. That the request of St. Stephen's Parish of 740 Gladstone to allow the construction of chain link fence with a height of 10'-0" along Rosewood Avenue and Reed Street instead of the allowable 6'-0" be approved.

It was noted that the fence has already been constructed. It was also reported that a variance for a 10'-0" fence was granted several years ago, but that the fence was never constructed.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

2000-71. Consideration of a request to approve the division of a lot located at 858 BellClaire.

Alyce Greeson and Mildred Page were present to answer questions concerning this request.

Virgil Johanningsmeier, 917 Princeton, was present and noted that the size of the parcel in question is 50' x 55,' not 50' x 60' as written in the notice sent to residents.

2000-71-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the request to allow a piece of property measuring 50'-0" x 55'-0" to be split off the property located at 858 Bellclaire and added to the rear of the lot located at 904 Bellclaire as requested by Ms. Alyce Greeson and Ms. Mildred Page, with the condition that the split complies with the surveys and the relevant deed or land contract be recorded with the Kent County Registrar of Deeds within 90 days of approval.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-72. Connie Christenson, East Grand Rapids representative to the Kent District Library Board, was present and explained that a millage request to continue the dedicated library funding will be on the ballot in Kent County in February, 2000. More information will be presented to the City Commission in the next several months about the millage request.

2000-73. Dr. James Morse, Superintendent of the East Grand Rapids Public Schools, was present and explained the bond issue request that is on the election ballot for November 2, 1999.

2000-74. Consideration of a request to authorize contracting for cable consultation services in connection with the renewal of the cable consent agreement with AT&T/TCI Cablevision.

2000-74-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That a resolution authorizing participation in a contract for consultation services not to exceed the amount of \$1,675.00 in connection with the renewal of the cable consent agreement be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-75. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution setting a public hearing date to receive input on the renewal of the AT&T/TCI Cablevision consent agreement.

2000-75-A. Williamson-Shimko. That a resolution opening a public comment period commencing on Monday, October 4, 1999, to receive input concerning the renewal of the cable consent agreement be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-76. Mayor Edison opened the discussion concerning the Comprehensive Master Plan draft. City Manager Donovan reviewed the schedule for completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan.

Commissioner Bartman offered several suggestions for wording modifications and additions, including:

- adding mass transit to the list of current issues;
- deleting the reference to the possible relocation of the Grand Rapids Yacht Club;
- adding Griffiths Park, El Dorado Right-Of-Way, and the Beechwood lots to the list of park property;
- eliminating the reference to expanding the commercial district along Bagley Street in the future;
- including a paragraph about forming a committee to include residents when drafting the Spectrum Health P.U.D.
- adding the names of Planning Commissioners Maggie VanHoudt, George Davis, and Jay Cravens to the list in front of the draft because of all their work in the initial stages of updating the Plan.

Commissioner Lawless stated that he was pleased to see that some of the suggestions from the Blodgett Neighborhood Association had been incorporated into the draft, and also expressed support for the concept of drafting a P.U.D. to address the Blodgett campus issue. Commissioner Lawless spoke against including the Beechwood lots in the list of park property because the Parks & Recreation Master Plan addressed this issue previously.

Mayor Edison spoke in favor of forming the committee to draft the P.U.D. but cautioned that the full Planning Commission needed to have final review and decision on the document before presenting it to the City Commission. Mayor Edison also expressed his desire to leave the Beechwood lots out of the Comprehensive Master Plan because no action to protect the lots as park land was ever considered or passed by the City Commission. He noted that the Griffiths property could be added to the list because the deed notes the restriction as park property.

Mayor Edison asked that all of the Planning Commission members who have served since 1994 be included in the list of contributors to the Comprehensive Master Plan. Mayor Edison also favored leaving the reference to relocating the Yacht Club in the Plan simply as an idea that could possibly be explored in the future if the "downtown" area was expanded or reorganized.

Mayor Edison opened the public comment portion of the Comprehensive Master Plan discussion. The following people were present with comments on the Plan:

John Pestle, 515 Plymouth	Urged caution with Spectrum P.U.D. Asked that the committee formation be placed in writing in the Plan.
Rob Dean, 700 Plymouth	Spoke about importance of final decision on Spectrum issues be made by elected officials of City Commission after input from neighbors. Also asked for more communication from Spectrum officials.
Andy Runquist, 2944 Reeds Lake Blvd	Spoke against relocating Yacht Club at any time in the future.
James Thompson, 443 Plymouth	Favors the idea of forming a committee to draft Spectrum P.U.D. and asked Planning Commission to include language about possible transition from inpatient to outpatient services at Spectrum.
John Waters, 2560 Elmwood	Asked that the reference to moving the Yacht Club be taken out of the Master Plan.

Mayor Edison closed the public comment portion of this issue. He then asked Planning Commission Chairperson Rick Chapla about forming a committee as requested by the neighborhood association. Chairperson Chapla agreed that this was a good idea and that it could be accomplished after the adoption of the Master Plan.

2000-77. Consideration of a request to determine the size and scope of the existing non-conforming use of the Grand Rapids Yacht Club.

City Attorney Huff explained that as a non-conforming use in a residential zone, the Grand Rapids Yacht Club is allowed to continue operations. However, the City Code provides that any significant change in the size or scope of the business at the Yacht Club requires the approval of the City Commission. This review helps protect the character of the surrounding neighborhoods.

Commissioner Lawless explained that the issue is before the City Commission at this time simply to establish the number of sailboats, motorboats and dock sections currently acceptable to both parties so that there is a standard to use in future discussions about the size and scope of the operations. Written correspondence with the Yacht Club had not produced an agreement on this issue; hence the matter was now before the City Commission.

The Finance Committee reviewed this issue and recommends that the size be set at 201 non-motorized boats, 13 motor boats, 45 dock sections, and no shore stations.

Mayor Edison opened the public comment portion of the discussion. The following people were present and spoke against any type of regulation or interference by the City Commission in the business conducted by the Grand Rapids Yacht Club:

John Waters, 2560 Elmwood
Art DeBruyn, 1106 Lake Grove
Larry Pinckney, 1417 Pinecrest
Carol Waite, 518 Lakeside
Betsy Anderson, 2629 Oakwood
Margo Berrien, 330 Shore Haven
Rob Dean, 700 Plymouth
John Knapp, 2121 Wealthy
Craig Rawlings, 330 Shore Haven
Dave Molesta, 310 Lakeside
Dave Tomsu, 2466 Lake Drive
Bob Osipoff, 511 Plymouth
Robert Murray, 1132 Eastwood
Ken Nelson, 2630 Brentwood
Doug Daley, 2536 Boston

David Bloye, Vice Commodore of the Yacht Club, was present and expressed his desire to work with the City towards an agreement acceptable to both parties.

Mayor Edison closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Commissioner Bartman stated that the Yacht Club has been a very positive influence in our community and has supported many of the City and School events.

Commissioner Mehney felt that this issue had been blown out of proportion and that an informal meeting of City and Yacht Club officials could come up with an agreement.

Mayor Edison stated that the other two local marinas had both been reviewed by the City and standards set for future use. He felt that although the Yacht Club is a good organization and has not had any complaints against it, that a discussion and decision is necessary in this case, as in any other non-conforming use within the City.

Commissioner Lawless stated that written correspondence had failed to produce any results, and that a meeting of officials would be a better solution. It was suggested that the Finance Committee members and staff members act as the City representatives.

2000-77-A. Williamson-Lawless. That the issue of the non-conforming use currently existing at the Grand Rapids Yacht Club be tabled until a future meeting following a meeting of City and Yacht Club officials to work out an agreement on the size and scope of the non-conforming use.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-78. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. for a short break.

2000-79. The meeting resumed at 10:14 p.m.

2000-80. Consideration of a request to adopt changes to the parks rules and regulations ordinance.

City Manager Donovan explained the new rules and permitting requirements concerning the use of fields by groups not affiliated with the City or School. Commissioner Lawless reported that the Joint Facilities Committee has also voted to allow four rental times per weekend for outside groups to rent the new artificial turf soccer/lacrosse field.

2000-80-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the amendments to Section 3.5 of Chapter 31 of Title III of the City Code establishing rules and regulations for public parks be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-81. Consideration of a request to approve an amendment to the Joint Facilities budget for FY 1999-2000.

2000-81-A. Lawless-Bartman. That an amendment to the FY 99-00 Joint Facilities budget in the amount of \$13,000 for upgrading the rear field at the Middle School be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-82. Consideration of a request to approve an amendment to the Joint Facilities budget for FY 1999-2000.

2000-82-A. Lawless-Shimko. That an amendment to the FY 99-00 Joint Facilities budget in the amount of \$8,450 for the repair of the infield area of the Remington baseball field be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-83. Consideration of a request to adopt a policy concerning Joint Facilities budget amendments.

Mayor Edison outlined the current policy which requires that any changes in the adopted budget for the Joint Facilities Committee are brought to the City Commission for approval even if the total amount spent during the year by the Committee does not change. This has at times led to a delay for projects which need to be completed in a short time frame because of weather, other scheduled work, etc. Commissioner Mehney has requested that this policy be reviewed.

Commissioners Williamson, Bartman and Mehney spoke in favor of allocating a specific dollar amount at the beginning of each year based on a projected list of projects and estimates and giving the Joint Facilities Committee the authority to amend its own budget.

Commissioner Orlebeke expressed his feelings that the budget amendments should continue to be approved by the City Commission because the Joint Facilities Committee is an advisory board, and no other advisory board has spending authority. He favored approving a list of project estimates and then a specified amount that would be spent at the discretion of the Joint Facilities Committee on projects that come up during the year.

2000-83-A. Williamson-Mehney. That the current policy of the City Commission reviewing amendments to the Joint Facilities Budget be changed to allow the Joint Facilities Committee the authority to spend the specified amount as necessary to continue capital projects and maintenance items per the budget submitted prior to the beginning of each year without seeking approval from the City Commission on each line item.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: Orlebeke – 1

2000-84. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of computer equipment.

2000-84-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the purchase of four computers from Omega Systems in the amount of \$5,096.00 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-85. Consideration of a request to award a contract for slope protection in Hodenpyl Woods.

2000-85-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a contract in the amount of \$45,360.00 be awarded to Youngstrom Contracting of Ionia, Michigan for the construction of a 280' retaining wall to repair the slope along the bike trail on Reeds Lake Boulevard with the related fund transfer from the Local Street Fund to the Sidewalk Replacement Account.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7

Nays: -0-

2000-86. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held August 19, 1999 were received.

2000-87. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held August 10, 1999 were received.

2000-88. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held September 9, 1999 were received.

2000-89. The City Services Department Report for the month of July 1999 was received.

2000-90. The City Services Department Report for the month of August 1999 was received.

2000-91. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of July 1999 was received.

2000-92. No other public comment was received.

2000-93. Commissioner Shimko reported that a request had been received to place a city entrance sign on Franklin Street at the west city limits. City Manager Donovan reported that the Infrastructure Committee would be reviewing this request.

Commissioner Bartman congratulated the Parks & Recreation Department and the Public Safety Department for the outstanding Reeds Lake Triathlon on September 11th. Commissioner Bartman also reported receiving several calls about the number of door-to-door solicitors in the neighborhoods recently and requested that City staff review other community's ordinances for possible solutions.

Mayor Edison reported that he and City Manager Donovan had presented one of the previous city entrance signs to Former President Ford at a brief ceremony at the Ford Museum on Wednesday, September 15, 1999. The sign has been added to the artifact collection at the museum. President Ford was also gracious enough to offer to have pictures taken with the family members that were present.

2000-94. The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 4, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution approving contracting for cable consulting services
B - Resolution commencing public comment period for cable consent agreement renewal
C - Amendment to Section 3.5 of Chapter 31 concerning parks rules

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 4, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Mayor Edison

Absent: Commissioners Mehney and Williamson

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; City Clerk Brower

2000-95. The minutes of the regular meeting held September 7, 1999 were received as submitted.

2000-96. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

C. Letter from J. Robert Green of 2539 Indian Trail regarding the history of the Grand Rapids Yacht Club.

2000-97. Lawless-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$163,049.59; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$98,619.27; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$225,128.57, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5

Nays: -0-

2000-98. A zoning variance hearing was held regarding the request of Rose's Restaurant regarding hours of operation.

Christen Brown, Rose's General Manager, was present to answer questions about the request to remain open later than the normal closing time on New Year's Eve for a millenium celebration.

The following communications were received at City Hall concerning this variance request:

- Jerry Nutt, 559 Lakeside	No Opposition
- Audrey Branson, Mgr of Lakewood Hills Apts	No Opposition
- Jack Runnels, 518 Lakeside	No Opposition
- Bob & Mary Swain, 514 Lakeside	In Favor
- Richard Barrett, 621 Lakeside	In Favor
- Jack Warnock, 551 Lakeside	In Favor

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

2000-98-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the request of Rose's Restaurant to extend their hours of operation on the evening of December 31, 1999 to allow the restaurant to remain open until 1:00 a.m. on January 1, 2000 for a millennium celebration be granted, with the understanding that all guests will be off the premises by 2:00 a.m. and that this variance is for this one day only.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5

Nays: -0-

- 2000-99. A public hearing was held to consider future cable-related needs of the community and to review the performance of TCI Cablevision under the current Cable Consent Agreement which expires in June 2000.
- No public comment was received at this meeting. Mayor Edison adjourned the public hearing to future meetings to allow future public input on this subject.
- 2000-100. Finance Director VanderWall reviewed the quarterly financial reports for the period ending June 30, 1999 and answered questions from the City Commission.
- 2000-101. Introduction and Adoption of an ordinance amendment to Section 10.6 of Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to drunk driving arrests.
- City Attorney Huff reviewed the changes which are required to mirror State law and asked that the City Commission adopt this ordinance immediately to bring the City Code in conformance with State law.
- 2000-101-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the ordinance amendment to Section 10.6 of Chapter 101 of Title X of the City Code pertaining to drunk driving arrests be adopted immediately as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, with an effective date of October 4, 1999.
- Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-
- 2000-102. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus units.
- 2000-102-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the purchase of eight self-contained breathing apparatus units from West Shore Fire Company of Allendale, Michigan in the amount of \$23,956.08 for the Public Safety Department, and the related budget amendment of \$9,000.00 be approved as requested.
- Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-
- 2000-103. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of vehicle lifts for the Streets & Utilities Department.
- 2000-103-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the purchase of above-ground vehicle lifts in the amount of \$36,700 from All Automotive Equipment, and the related budget amendment of \$6,700 from the General Fund ending balance to the City Services Capital account be approved.
- Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-
- 2000-104. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of a claw bucket for the Streets & Utilities Department.
- 2000-104-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the purchase of a claw bucket for the Streets & Utilities Department from Michigan Cat of Grand Rapids in the amount of \$7,700 be approved.
- Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-
- 2000-105. Consideration of a request to award a contract for furnishings for the Public Safety Building.
- 2000-105-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a contract in the amount of \$84,605.00 be awarded to Custer Office Environments for the purchase and installation of furnishings for the Public Safety Building remodeling project.
- Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-106. Consideration of a request to approve a change order for the Public Safety Building remodeling project.

2000-106-A. Lawless-Bartman. That Change Order #2 to the contract with C.D. Barnes Associates for the remodeling of the Public Safety Building be approved in the amount of \$56,226.00 for additional work and changes made during the project.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-107. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the annual tree planting program.

2000-107-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That a contract in the amount of \$12,544.00 be awarded to Tepper Nursery of Grand Rapids for the purchase and installation of trees for the annual tree planting program and the replacement of trees in conjunction with construction projects, and that the related budget amendment in the amount of \$1,044.00 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-108. Consideration of a request to award a contract for architectural services for preliminary floor plans for the proposed library expansion project.

2000-108-A. Lawless-Bartman. That an extension to the contract with Cox Medendorp & Olson in the amount of \$10,640.00 be approved for definitive preliminary floor plans for the proposed Community Center expansion which includes the library and recreation areas.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-109. The 1998 Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report was presented to the City Commission for their review. The report will be mailed to all East Grand Rapids residents by October 19, 1999.

2000-110. The preliminary minutes of the Joint Facilities Committee meeting held September 20, 1999 were received.

2000-111. Bartman-Shimko. Motion to add to the agenda consideration of a request to appoint representatives to the Act 196 Transportation Authority Board. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-112. Consideration of a request to appoint representatives to the Act 196 Transportation Authority Board.

Mayor Edison explained the need for the City Commission to appoint two representatives from the City of East Grand Rapids to the Board for the proposed Act 196 Transportation Authority. The Board will investigate all of the options for a new transportation system in the metropolitan area and report back to each community for formal adoption of its recommendations.

Mayor Edison recommended Earl "Win" Irwin and Commissioner Tim Orlebeke be appointed as the East Grand Rapids representatives to the Board.

Commissioner Lawless questioned the term of the appointment. Staff will find out how long the other cities are appointing their representatives for.

2000-112-A. Bartman-Shimko. That City Commissioner Orlebeke and Win Irwin be appointed as representatives of East Grand Rapids to the Act 196 Transportation Authority Board.

Geoff Huges, 260 Hodenpyl, was present and expressed his desire to participate in the new Act 196 Authority and his findings at a recent conference concerning that some areas use a sales tax increase to fund transportation systems instead of a dedicated millage. Mayor Edison stated that he was not aware of Mr. Hughes' interest in the position until after talking with Mr. Irwin and Commissioner Orlebeke about serving on this board. Mayor Edison suggested that Mr. Hughes approach the City of Grand Rapids about one of the at-large seats they are responsible for filling.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 5
Nays: -0-

2000-113. No other public comment was received.

2000-114. Commissioner Bartman reported that she had attended the GVMC Blueprint Committee meeting last week and was able to give an example of the cooperation between East Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Township after coming from the scene of a house fire near her home at which the two departments were fighting the fire together.

Commissioner Lawless reported receiving a phone call from a resident concerned about the readiness-to-serve rates who suggested that all residents pay a flat rate instead of the rate based on water usage and that some of the charges be subsidized by the General Fund.

Mayor Edison thanked St. Stephens Church for hosting the Faith In Motion luncheon earlier in the day concerning the need for a new transportation system in the area.

Mayor Edison also announced that the dedication of the new "Mehney Field" (artificial soccer/lacrosse field located at the middle school) would be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 1999 and invited all City Commissioners to attend.

2000-115. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until October 18, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Amendment to Section 10.6 of Chapter 101 concerning drunk driving arrests

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held October 18, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; City Clerk Brower

2000-116. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 4, 1999 were received as submitted.

2000-117. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- A. Letter from Former President Gerald Ford thanking the City for the donation to the Ford Museum of one of the old city entrance signs.
- B. Letter from Marc Elliott and Lynn Herndon opposing a stop-sign being placed at Wilshire/Lenox.
- C. Thank you card from Mrs. McGowen thanking Officers Schweitzer, Asher and Ellis for their assistance during a recent medical situation at her home.
- D. Letter from Douglas Leitch concerning recent changes to the readiness-to-serve charges.
- E. Thank you card from Commissioner Shimko for the fruit basket sent to his home following a recent surgery.

2000-118. Mayor Edison announced that the request to approve a cable right-of-way agreement with AT&T had been withdrawn from the agenda. The agreement will be placed on the next City Commission agenda. Mayor Edison also announced that staff has requested an addition to the agenda for additional slope protection work on a project now underway.

2000-119. Bartman-Lawless. Motion to add to the agenda consideration of a request to approve a contract extension for slope protection along the bike path on Reeds Lake Boulevard. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko and Edison – 6
Nays: -0-

2000-120. Lawless-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$140,740.49; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$-0-; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$666,822.17, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Commissioner Williamson arrived.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-121. Donna Bylenga and Doug Plamondon of Hoffman, Steensma & Plamondon, PLC, presented the results of the FY 1998-99 City of East Grand Rapids Financial Statement Audit and answered questions from the City Commission.

2000-122. Consideration of a request to purchase fire hydrant markers.

2000-122-A. Bartman-Orlebeke. That the purchase of flexible hydrant markers from East Jordan Iron Works in the amount of \$4,000.00 be approved.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-123. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the installation of new sewer lift station control panels.

2000-123-A. Shimko-Bartman. That a contract in the amount of \$40,085.00 be awarded to Toering Electric Company for the rewiring and installation of new control panels at the Manhattan and Greenwood sewer lift stations and the restoration of areas surrounding the sites.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-124. Consideration of a request to approve a contract extension for slope protection along the bike path on Reeds Lake Boulevard.

2000-124-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the contract with Youngstrom Contracting be extended in the amount of \$6,000.00 for additional footage of retaining material along the bike path on Reeds Lake Boulevard.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-125. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held October 1, 1999 were received. No action was taken on the motion by the Traffic Commission regarding the stop sign on the south arm of Reeds Lake Boulevard. This motion will take effect.

Commissioner Lawless requested that the minutes of the Traffic Commission be amended to reflect that a vote was taken on this issue and that the vote was unanimous in favor of the stop sign.

2000-126. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held September 28, 1999 were received.

2000-127. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held September 13, 1999 were received.

Commissioner Lawless asked Parks & Recreation Director Bunn about the status of the pool study and the options for Wealthy Pool. The full study and further information is being presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission at an upcoming meeting. The information will also be given to the City Commissioners for their review.

2000-128. The City Services Department Report for the month of September 1999 was received.

City Services Director Baragar presented awards to Commissioner Dave Mehney and Commissioner Kent Williamson for their outstanding performance during the recent Snowplow Roadeo. Commissioner Mehney placed 5th and Commissioner Williamson placed 2nd in the Celebrity Competition.

The City was also represented by employees Jeff Stults, Marty Kroes, and Mike Ferris who competed in the Roadeo. Jeff Stults and Marty placed 6th (out of 132) in the team snowplow competition, and tied for 17th place in the individual snowplow competition. Mike Ferris represented the City in the payload competition, a new category for the Roadeo. Everyone congratulated the employees on their finishes during the Roadeo and their superb service to citizens every day of the year.

2000-129. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of August 1999 was received.

Public Safety Director Gallagher directed the City Commissioners attention to several articles included in their packets regarding the use of stop signs and their effectiveness or lack of effectiveness in certain situations.

2000-130. No other public comment was received.

2000-131. Commissioner Mehney thanked the City Services Department employees for their coaching skills getting ready for and on the day of the Snowplow Roadeo competition.

Mayor Edison thanked Commissioner Mehney for all his hard work and effort on the artificial turf soccer/lacrosse field which was recently dedicated and named "Mehney Field" in honor of his and his family's many contributions toward this facility.

2000-132. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until November 1, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held November 1, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:34 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayor Edison

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; Finance Director VanderWall; City Services Director Baragar; City Clerk Brower

- 2000-133. The members of Webelos Troops from Wealthy Elementary and from Lakeside Elementary led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2000-134. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:
- A. Letter from Joan Newberry of 3200 Bonnell urging the City Commission against removing the Grand Rapids Yacht Club from its location on Reeds Lake.
 - B. Letter from the Building Officials Conference of Michigan announcing the election of Building Inspector Sharon Conley as the First Director of the Board of Directors.
- 2000-135. Lawless-Orlebeke. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$141,687.35; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$20,656.20; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$868,124.48, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.
- Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-
- 2000-136. The minutes of the regular meeting held October 18, 1999 were received as submitted.
- 2000-137. Finance Director VanderWall presented the quarterly financial reports for the period ended September 30, 1999 and answered questions from the City Commission.
- 2000-138. Consideration of a request to approve a contract with Ameritech for placing telecommunications equipment and cabling in the City right-of-way.
- 2000-138-A. Williamson-Shimko. That the Right-Of-Way Consent Agreement with Ameritech Communications, a subsidiary of SBC, be approved as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.
- Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-
- 2000-139. Consideration of a request to award a contract for bus transportation for the Ski Club season.
- 2000-139-A. Orlebeke-Bartman. That the transportation contract for the Ski Club season be awarded to Great Lakes Motor Coach, Inc. in the amount of \$295 per unit and a "show-up fee" of \$50 per bus for an estimated total of \$5,310.00 for the season.
- Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-
- 2000-140. Consideration of a request to award a contract for the purchase of a dump truck for the Streets & Utilities Department.

2000-140-A. Williamson-Bartman. That the purchase of a dump trunk from Duthler Truck Center in the amount of \$55,300.00 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-141. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metro Council.

2000-141-A. Bartman-Shimko. That a resolution approving the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council confirming the membership of Caledonia Township, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-142. Judy Frey, 2011 San Lu Rae Drive, asked if the Right-Of-Way consent agreement was with Ameritech or with AT&T. City Attorney Huff responded that the agreement is with Ameritech Communications.

2000-143. Commissioner Lawless thanked the Public Safety Department for their excellent handling of the animal control situation and the house fire last week. The residents of East Grand Rapids can certainly be proud of the department's diligence and experience.

Commissioner Lawless also thanked the leadership of the Grand Rapids Yacht Club for meeting with the members of the Finance Committee last week and working towards an agreement on the non-conforming use issue.

Commissioner Bartman thanked the Cub Scout groups for attending the meeting and for the flag presentation. Commissioner Bartman also reported that the family who suffered the loss of their home to a house fire have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of support from the residents of East Grand Rapids with offers of clothing, shelter and other necessities.

City Manager Donovan reminded everyone of the Library's 40th Birthday Party, which will be held on Saturday, November 6th. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mayor Edison wished "good luck" to all of the candidates running for election on November 2nd and to the School Board on their ballot issue.

2000-144. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until November 15, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Right-of-Way Consent Agreement with Ameritech
B - Resolution approving change to GVMC Articles of Incorporation

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

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-150. Final Reading of an ordinance amendment to Section 3.212 of Chapter 34 of Title III pertaining to marina licenses.

Jack Runnels of 518 Lakeside was present and questioned whether other licensees of the city were required to carry liability insurance. City Attorney Huff responded that many companies holding a license to do business within the city such as snow plowing or lawn contractors are required to carry liability insurance.

2000-150-A. Williamson-Orlebeke. That an ordinance amendment to Section 3.212 of Chapter 34 of Title III pertaining to marina licenses be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-151. Consideration of a request to award a contract for sanitary sewer relining projects.

2000-151-A. Williamson-Bartman. That a contract be awarded to Insituform Technologies USA of Owosso, Michigan in the amount of \$110,740.00 plus contingencies in the amount of \$14,550.00 for a total budget amount of \$125,290.00 for the relining of sanitary sewers.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-152. Consideration of a request to approve fees for labor attorney services.

2000-152-A. Shimko-Mehney. That the following fees be approved for labor attorney services rendered by Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cumiskey:

Beginning November 1, 1999:	Associate Attorney	\$108
	Experienced Attorney/Junior Member	\$130
	Senior Member	\$157
Beginning July 1, 2000:	Associate Attorney	\$114
	Experienced Attorney/Junior Member	\$138
	Senior Member	\$166
Beginning July 1, 2001	Associate Attorney	\$120
	Experienced Attorney/Junior Member	\$145
	Senior Member	\$175

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-153. Consideration of a request to award a contract for flexible benefit plan components.

2000-153-A. Shimko-Lawless. That the renewal proposals of American United Life for life insurance; Fortis Benefits for disability coverage; ASR for flexible benefit administration; and First Allmerica for stop loss coverages be approved as submitted, and that competitive bidding be waived since no advantage to the City would result.

Mayor Edison asked staff to continue monitoring insurance expenses and to work with the vendors to keep costs as low as possible, particularly in the area of prescription coverages.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-154. The preliminary minutes of the Traffic Commission meeting held November 5, 1999 were received. Commissioner Williamson outlined the actions taken by the Traffic Commission with regard to lifting parking restrictions on San Lu Rae near Lake Drive, and removing stop signs on east/westbound Elmwood at Woodlawn and east/westbound Reeds Lake Boulevard at Pioneer Club.

Commissioners Mehney and Orlebeke stated that although they agreed that the parking issues and stop signs should be reviewed and problems addressed, they felt the residents of an area should be notified prior to discussion and given opportunities to review the data and express their concerns or suggestions. They felt this had not been done in this case and that a decision should not be made until this had happened.

Commissioner Lawless suggested that an alternative to a “hearing” in front of the Traffic Commission be investigated as a first step in the process for residents concerned about traffic in their neighborhoods. He also expressed his opposition to the motions being passed without the prior notification of the residents.

Commissioner Williamson stated that this type of decision belonged at the City Commission level since the Traffic Commission is only an advisory board and the City Commission has the final approval authority.

Mayor Edison opened the floor for public comment.

Pat Mears, 2801 Reeds Lake Boulevard, questioned why stop signs would be removed if they are not obeyed rather than stepping up enforcement. Mayor Edison answered that when stop signs are placed without the traffic volumes warranting the stop, people tend to ignore or roll through the signs and obstruct traffic flow rather than facilitate it.

Pete Satterthwaite, 1410 Woodlawn, stated that removing the stop signs would change traffic patterns and increase traffic on Elmwood.

Steve Bratschie, 250 Pioneer Club, suggested that the large amount of pedestrian traffic be considered when deciding whether or not to remove the stop sign on Reeds Lake Boulevard at Pioneer Club.

Commissioner Williamson suggested tabling the matter until a future meeting of the City Commission. City Attorney Huff recommended either suspending the implementation of the motions until further study or sending the matter back to the Traffic Commission for review.

2000-154-A. Lawless-Mehney. Motion to suspend the implementation date of the removal of parking restrictions on San Lu Rae and ask the Traffic Commission to further study this issue.

2000-154-B. Bartman-Williamson. Motion to amend 2000-154-A. to suspend the implementation date but to have the City Commission review this matter instead of the Traffic Commission.

Vote on 2000-154-B.

Yeas: Bartman, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 6
Nays: Lawless – 1

Vote 2000-154-A. as amended:

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-154-C. Bartman-Williamson. Motion to suspend the implementation date of the removal of the stop sign at Elmwood and Woodlawn until the City Commission can further study this issue and discuss at a future meeting.

Mayor Edison and Commissioner Mehney spoke in favor of the Traffic Commission reviewing this matter since there are traffic counts and other data to be considered in this issue.

Commissioner Williamson stated that these stop signs were put in against the recommendation of the Traffic Commission and that the City Commission needed to review this issue.

2000-154-D. Mehney-Lawless. Motion amend 2000-154-C. to suspend the implementation of the Traffic Commission's motion but to have the Traffic Commission review this matter and resubmit its recommendation.

Vote on 2000-154-D.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Edison – 5
Nays: Bartman, Williamson – 2

Vote 2000-154-C. as amended:

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Edison – 5
Nays: Bartman, Williamson – 2

2000-154-E. Mehney-Orlebeke. Motion to suspend the implementation date of the removal of the stop sign at Elmwood and Woodlawn and to ask the Traffic Commission can further study this issue and resubmit its recommendation.

Yeas: Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Edison – 5
Nays: Bartman, Williamson – 2

Mayor Edison asked staff to notify residents within the two blocks surrounding these two intersections prior to Traffic Commission meeting, and that staff review the notification procedures for items like this in the future.

2000-155. The preliminary minutes of the Library Commission meeting held October 25, 1999 were received.

2000-156. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held October 12, 1999 were received.

2000-157. The City Services Department Report for the month of October 1999 was received.

2000-158. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of October 1999 was received.

2000-159. Carla Waite, 518 Lakeside, was present and questioned the status of a zoning issue complaint that she filed several months ago regarding pedestrian safety along the sidewalk near her home. City Manager Donovan responded that the City Attorney was studying the City Code for potential revisions to address this issue. The revisions may take several weeks to implement.

Mike Walton, 1545 Eastlawn, gave his personal thanks to Mayor Edison and Commissioners Mehney, Orlebeke and Williamson for the hard work and dedication as members of the City Commission over the last several years and stated that their leadership would be missed.

2000-160. Commissioner Lawless congratulated Judy Frey on her election as Mayor and complemented Commissioner Bartman on a well-run campaign and for being the hardest-working commissioner in the metro area.

Commissioners Lawless, Shimko and Bartman also expressed their admiration and appreciation for the years of service by Mayor Edison and Commissioners Mehney, Orlebeke and Williamson. Their contributions will be missed.

Commissioner Orlebeke thanked everyone for their help and support over the years and stated that his term had been a very satisfying experience.

Commissioner Williamson also stated how much he had enjoyed his 13 years as City Commissioner and his pride in all of the accomplishments over the years.

Commissioner Mehney expressed his feelings that the new commissioners coming into office would do a fantastic job and that he felt very comfortable turning over the reigns to the new members. He also thanked the residents for 16½ years in office, and his fellow commission members for their hard work and support.

Mayor Edison commended the City staff for all of their hard work assisting the City Commission in its decision-making processes, and thanked the other members of the Commission for their hard work.

2000-161. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until December 6, 1999.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Grand Rapids Yacht Club Agreement
B - Ordinance amendment pertaining to marina licenses

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

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held December 6, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Edison at 7:30 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Mayors Edison and Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; Assistant City Manager Branyan; City Clerk Brower

2000-162. The minutes of the regular meeting held November 15, 1999 were received with the following addition:

Commissioner Lawless asked that paragraphs 2000-154-D and 200-154-E have the words "at an unspecified date" added to the end of each motion.

2000-163. Mayor Edison advised of the following communications received at City Hall:

- D. Thank You card from Mr. & Mrs. Masterson thanking the Public Safety Department for their assistance when their daughter was injured at school.
- E. Letters from Brendan Nan Kelly of 2110 San Lu Rae and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Woodrick of 2122 San Lu Rae opposing the lifting of parking restrictions on San Lu Rae near the high school.
- F. Letter from John Pestle of 515 Plymouth and replies from Bruce Hagen and Bill Rietscha of Spectrum Health concerning a recent Grand Rapids Press article concerning Spectrum Health's future plans.
- G. Letter from William Poisson of 2718 Richards regarding the readiness-to-serve charges for water and sewer bills.

Mayor Edison thanked City Manager Donovan and City Clerk Brower for their assistance with the many administrative duties of the Mayor during the past four years and presented gifts to both. Mayor Edison also presented chocolates to the other members of the City Commission as tokens of his appreciation for their help during his term.

2000-164. Orlebeke-Williamson. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$281,487.73; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$23,397.95; and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$362,144.90, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Bartman, Lawless, Mehney, Orlebeke, Shimko, Williamson and Edison – 7
Nays: -0-

2000-165. City Clerk Brower administered the oath of office to Mayor Judy Frey, First Ward Commissioner John Barbour, Second Ward Commissioner Steve Kremers, and Third Ward Commissioner Susan Brennan. The new officials were seated at the commission table.

Mayor Frey presented gifts and proclamations to outgoing commissioners Dave Mehney, Tim Orlebeke and Kent Williamson for their many years of service to the City.

Mayor Frey then presented Steve Edison with a clock commemorating his years of service and unveiled the official portrait which will be placed in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Edison's family also made a presentation to Mayor Edison.

2000-166. Consideration of a request to approve committee assignments.

Mayor Frey explained that there had been one change to the recommendation list. Tim Orlebeke will remain on the GRATA Board for another six months. The appointment will be reviewed at that time.

2000-166-A. Bartman-Shimko. That the commission appointments and committee assignments recommended by the Mayor be approved with the above correction.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7
Nays: -0-

2000-167. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of plowing equipment for the Streets & Utilities Department.

2000-167-A. Shimko-Bartman. That the purchase of plowing equipment for Streets & Utilities Truck 43 in the amount of \$2,777.00 from Allied Truck Equipment Company of Grand Rapids be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7
Nays: -0-

2000-168. Consideration of a request to approve the purchase of plowing equipment and dump boxes for the Streets & Utilities Department.

2000-168-A. Brennan-Barbour. That the purchase of front plow mounts, underbody scrapers and dump boxes with tarps from Truck and Trailer Specialties of Dutton, Michigan in the amount of \$21,310.00 for Streets & Utilities Trucks 5 and 11 be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7
Nays: -0-

2000-169. No other public comment was received.

2000-170. Commissioner Barbour expressed his regret that he had not been able to serve with Mayor Edison and thanked him for his many contributions to the City.

Commissioner Bartman welcomed Commissioners Barbour, Kremers and Brennan and Mayor Frey to the City Commission.

Commissioners Kremers and Brennan stated that they were honored to be serving on the City Commission and looked forward to working with everyone.

Commissioners Shimko and Lawless thanked the outgoing members of the City Commission and congratulated them on all of their accomplishments during their respective terms, especially Mayor Edison for his leadership during the past four years.

Mayor Frey announced that the City employee holiday luncheon would be held on Tuesday, December 14th at City Hall and invited all Commissioners to attend if possible.

2000-171. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until December 20, 1999.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF EAST GRAND RAPIDS

Regular Meeting Held December 20, 1999

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Frey at 7:31 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Present: Commissioners Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Mayor Frey

Absent: None

Also Present: City Attorney Huff; City Manager Donovan; Parks & Recreation Director Bunn; City Services Director Baragar; Public Safety Director Gallagher; Finance Director VanderWall; Deputy Public Safety Director Spencer; Streets & Utilities Sup't Keating; City Clerk Brower; Lt. Radakovitz; Sgt. Bolen; PSOs Buikema, Clark, Marek and Sutherby

2000-172. The minutes of the regular meeting held December 6, 1999 were received as submitted.

2000-173. No public comment was received.

2000-174. Lawless-Kremers. That payroll disbursements in the amount of \$142,999.74; county and school disbursements in the amount of \$52,879.54, and total remaining disbursements in the amount of \$242,572.74, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, be allowed and the Clerk be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the respective amounts.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7

Nays: -0-

2000-175. City Clerk Brower administered the oath of office to Public Safety Officers Sutherby, Marek and Clark.

2000-176. Consideration of a request to approve Articles of Incorporation for the Interurban Transit Partnership.

Peter Varga, Executive Director of GRATA, reviewed the structure of the new organization, the expanded hours and routes which will be offered if the dedicated millage passes, the proposed new programs, and answered questions from the City Commission. A special election is planned for April 11, 2000 to let voters in the six member cities vote on the proposed .75 mill property tax millage.

The following people were present and expressed their support of the new transportation partnership:

- Steve Edison, 2855 Elmwood
- Win Irwin, 1860 Lake Drive
- Tim Orlebeke, 1524 Rosalind
- Fr. Mark _____, St. Stephens Parish

2000-176-A. Bartman-Brennan. That a resolution approving the Articles of Incorporation of the new Interurban Transit Partnership be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7

Nays: -0-

2000-176-B. Bartman-Lawless. To appoint Tim Orlebeke of 1524 Rosalind Road to a one-year term and Win Irwin of 1860 Lake Drive to a two-year term on the Interurban Transportation Partnership Act 196 Board of Directors as the East Grand Rapids representatives.

Yeas: Barbour, Bartman, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey- 7

Nays: -0-

Commissioner Bartman departed.

2000-177. Rick Chapla, Planning Commission Chairperson, and other members of the Planning Commission presented copies of the Comprehensive Master Plan to the members of the City Commission and reviewed some of the major highlights of the Plan.

2000-177-A. Kremers-Shimko. That a resolution endorsing the Comprehensive Master Plan and its goals be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "B" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 6

Nays: -0-

Mayor Frey expressed the appreciation of the entire City Commission to Rick Chapla and the Planning Commission for their hard work and dedication on this lengthy project.

2000-178. Consideration of a request to adopt a resolution approving an amendment to the Grand Valley Metro Council Articles of Incorporation.

2000-178-A. Lawless-Shimko. That a resolution approving the amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council confirming the membership of Cannon Township, be adopted as set forth in Exhibit "C" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 6

Nays: -0-

2000-179. Consideration of a request to approve an amendment to the agreement with Cascade Township for inspection services.

2000-179-A. Shimko-Barbour. That an amendment to the agreement with Cascade Township to provide plumbing, mechanical and electrical permitting and inspection services be approved as set forth in Exhibit "D" attached hereto.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 6

Nays: -0-

2000-180. Consideration of a request to approve the expenditure for the portrait of Mayor Edison.

2000-180-A. Lawless-Shimko. That the expenditure in the amount of \$3,155.60 to LaClaire Studios for a portrait of Mayor Edison be approved as requested.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 6

Nays: -0-

2000-181. Consideration of a request to approve additional expenses for the purchase of a 35K dump truck.

2000-181-A. Shimko-Barbour. That the original bid amount of Duthler Truck Center for accessory equipment for Truck #10 be revised to include an additional amount of \$3,000.00 for the upgrading of certain equipment for a total price of \$58,300.00.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 6

Nays: -0-

2000-182. Consideration of a request to approve expenses for the repair of lighting fixtures and the painting of facilities at Wealthy Pool.

2000-182-A. Lawless-Kremers. That contracts in the amount of \$8,800.00 to Dave Cole Decorators, Inc. and \$1,500.00 to Windemuller Electric, Inc. be approved for painting and electrical repairs at Wealthy Pool during the holiday break period.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 6
Nays: -0-

2000-183. The preliminary minutes of the Planning Commission meeting held November 9, 1999 were received.

2000-184. The preliminary minutes of the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting held November 8, 1999 were received.

2000-185. The City Services Department Report for the month of November 1999 was received.

2000-186. The Public Safety Department Report for the month of October 1999 was received.

2000-187. Commissioner Barbour thanked Chief Gallagher and the members of the Public Safety Department for a job well done in keeping the community a safe place to live.

Mayor Frey wished everyone a happy holiday season.

2000-188. Shimko-Barbour. 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 was taken.

Yeas: Barbour, Brennan, Kremers, Lawless, Shimko and Frey— 6
Nays: -0-

2000-189. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m. subject to the call of the Mayor until January 3, 2000.

Karen K. Brower, City Clerk

Attachments: A - Resolution approving Interurban Transit Partnership Articles of Incorporation
B - Resolution endorsing Comprehensive Master Plan
C - Resolution approving Grand Valley Metro Council Articles of Incorporation
D - Inspection Agreement with Cascade Township

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